

# WALSALL CHRONICLE



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## House is rocked by explosion in kitchen

A FATHER and his two children escaped when a blaze broke out in the kitchen of their home.

The family was alerted by the sound of an explosion shortly after 4pm on Monday and found the base of the fridge on fire and the Walsall property filling with thick smoke.

They ran next door to raise the alarm.

Firefighters spent three hours at the terraced house in Wells Avenue, Darlaston, carrying out checks after putting out the flames.

### Evacuated

The two neighbouring properties were evacuated as a precaution.

Investigators are still looking into the cause of the blaze which severely damaged the ground floor and smoke-logged the rest of the property.

Mother-of-three Gill Canadine, 49, who lives next door, took the family in after their escape.

She said: "He had gone to investigate after hearing a bang in the kitchen, which was so loud we heard it in our house."

"He saw some flames behind the fridge and then suddenly it was everywhere."

Watch commander John Wildman said: "The fire may have been caused by an electrical fault, we don't know for sure at this stage."

## Connie star rises in east

TALENTED Walsall songbird Connie Talbot has reached number one in the Far East with her new album Beautiful World.

The 12-year-old has risen to the top of the Taiwan charts, leaving One Direction, Bruno Mars and Taylor Swift in her wake.

The Streetly schoolgirl, who found fame on Britain's Got Talent, has returned from a three-week tour when crowds of journalists, photographers and fans flocked to the main airport in Taiwan to greet her.

# POLICE SHAKE-UP SPARKS CONCERN

**THE NUMBER of neighbourhood beat officers in Walsall is being scaled back from 138 to 99 - prompting fears it will lead to increased crime.**

Neighbourhood teams are being made smaller under a series of changes to policing around the borough dubbed 'Continuous Improvement.' Police chiefs insist the restructuring will improve the service for the public with the total number of officers not being reduced, instead redeployed to other sections. Beat officers will be able to concentrate on neighbourhood priorities, say bosses.

But Darlaston South councillor Doug James said he was concerned about the impact on local beat teams.

"Projects started with local communities are at risk as staff are moved and new staff have to be integrated into existing projects," he said.

"What is behind the changes is called Continuous Improvement but we all know it is about budget cuts which are diluting police teams."

### Inefficiency

"I record my appreciation of all the work of the Darlaston South Police Team but remain on alert against further cuts to front line staff."

West Midlands Police insist the aim is to improve the service for the public while identifying and reducing waste, duplication and inefficiency.

The public making non-emergency calls are being offered 'policing by appointment', an option to meet with officers at a time and location to suit them.

Other changes include a revised help desk, an incident resolution team to handle all calls, and a response team focused on rapid incident response.

There will also be a larger investigation team dedicated to bringing criminals to court and community priority teams to resolve issues.

### Report by Craig Hughes

Superintendent Keith Fraser, of Walsall police, said: "Through Continuous Improvement we now have a variety of approaches for the public to receive a bespoke level of service, for example through the appointment system."

"In the first week of CI Walsall police have had a 100 per cent success rate in relation to scheduled appointments with the public. We are already receiving positive feedback. This is clearly having a positive impact on the communities we serve."

"On average we are reaching 90 per cent of our emergency calls within target time scales."

"The numbers in neighbourhood teams will be reduced from 138 to 99 officers but these officers will not be abstract from their local neighbourhoods and thus able to concentrate on neighbourhood priorities."

"A new team has been created, called the Community Action Priority Team, which will provide additional support to neighbourhood officers tackling local issues across the borough."

"There will also be an increase of officers in the Investigation Team, which will now comprise 75 officers."

## Pick up a paint brush and palette



At the 30-year-old painting for pleasure club, which meets weekly at St John's Methodist Church in Victoria Avenue, are Gloria Thompson, art tutor Graham Benton, Clare Abbotts, Linda Wood and Maggie James

ARTISTS are calling on enthusiasts to pick up paintbrushes and palettes and swell their group's ranks.

The Painting for Pleasure group was launched by art tutor Graham Benton at Elmore Row Community Centre, Bloxwich about 30 years ago.

A decade ago, members started meeting at St John's Methodist Church, Victoria Avenue, on Fridays between 10am and midday. About half a dozen members meet every week to have a chat and work on their paintings.

Mr Benton, of Upper Forster Street, Walsall, said the classes were open to all ages and abilities.

The former Walsall Art School student, who has taught adult art classes in Walsall and West Bromwich, added: "Some members have been painting with the group since it started. They work in oil paint, pastel and watercolour."

"They are a group who work on their own but I go in every three weeks. They paint landscapes, portraits, still life and imaginative art."

"They are all keen and are a friendly, social group."

"Some of them are members of the Walsall Society of Artists and show their work at exhibitions at the New Art Gallery. I also organise exhibitions at The Crossing at St Paul's."

### Encourage

"We could get 30 odd in a class years ago but the numbers have dwindled."

"We want to encourage more members to join, of all ages and abilities."

Anyone interested in joining the Painting for Pleasure group can call Mr Benton on 07944 984407.

## Banquet suite bid to revive the baths

THE landmark Willenhall Leisure Centre is poised to reopen as a banqueting suite and wedding hall, creating up to 40 jobs, by the summer.

The extension of the former baths, paying the way for a lease of life, has been recommended for approval by planners tonight (Thursday).

There has been just one objection to the scheme for the Bath Street site which was closed down by Walsall Council more than two years ago, over whether there will be sufficient parking spaces.

### Project

Bosses behind the proposed development aim to be open for business before the end of August.

The ambitious project involves demolition of ancillary buildings to create a two-storey extension which planning officers say will bring "economic regeneration and job creation."

Town hall chiefs closed the leisure centre after saying it was among the worst performing in Walsall borough. It was snapped up at auction the following year.

New owner Raj Kumar has two banqueting halls in Perry Barr and Bilston and the Willenhall site is expected to become the main offices.

He said he wanted to bring the "fantastic site" back into use.

## Loo cuts to save £120k

COUNCIL chiefs say closing toilets is necessary to "avoid excessive burdens" on taxpayers of £120,000 a year.

Walsall Council has to make £13 million cuts. It plans to shut loos to save on cleaning and maintenance costs in Pelsall, Rushall, Willenhall, Aldridge, Brownhills and Blakenall Heath.

The Rushall and Brownhills toilets have been closed since early October. Bosses said there were no complaints. A final decision is expected by the council this month.

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## Milestone birthday at care home



Ellen Broxton is 100

A DARLASTON centenarian continues to be the life and soul of the party as she celebrated her milestone birthday.

Ellen Broxton marked her 100th birthday with a glass of sherry and a party at Moxley Court Care Home, in Sutton Road, Darlaston.

The centenarian was born and raised in Vicarage Road, Wednesbury, and began work as a seamstress, aged 14, at Shannon's Tailors in Walsall. But she was forced to quit after two years to take care of her family following the death of her mother. She did not marry and lived with her brother, Thomas, and sister, Phyllis, in Forge Street, Darlaston.

### Singing

In 2011 she moved to Moxley Court where she is a prominent member of the community.

Stephanie Milwain, team leader at Moxley Court, said: "Ellen is a lovely lady who doesn't let her age get in the way of enjoying life. She loves to dance and bake cakes and she really is the life and soul of any party."

Ellen's niece, Lesley Hall, 62, of Aldridge, said: "Ellen and her brothers and sisters had a hard life and didn't really have anything as kids. "They all lived well into their 90s and Ellen is always game for a laugh and very sociable, running a club at St Mary's Church in Wednesbury for a number of years."

### Sponsored park walk for hospice

BLOXWICH councillor Kath Phillips will be walking five laps of the King George V playing fields on Sunday morning to raise money for a Walsall hospice in memory of her late mother. So far £500 has been pledged. To sponsor her call (01922) 479949.

# Heritage lock building's days are numbered

DEMOLITION has begun at one of Willenhall's famous lock factories to make way for new homes - despite concern at losing another part of the town's heritage.

Scaffolding and fencing has been erected at the former Union Locks offices on Gower Street, which date from the 1930s, as work begins to tear down the iconic building.

It is being demolished by Garvey Demolition after falling into decay over the 12 years that it has been empty.

Les Burrows, chairman of Willenhall History Society has expressed fears that the loss of the site is another nail in the coffin for Willenhall's heritage, following the loss of other old buildings during the construction

of the nearby Morrison's supermarket.

He added that the demolition would be particularly sad for those who used to work in the offices or had relatives who worked there.

### Houses

Once cleared the site on the corner of Gower Street and Wood Street, will be used for 35 houses and 12 flats under plans from developer Westbury Partnerships.

The developer had to apply for special permission for the demolition because of the building's heritage status.

Willenhall councillors Sean Coughlan and Carl Creaney have both come out in support

of the planned development that they hope will revitalise the town centre, whilst getting rid of a site that attracted vandalism and other anti-social behaviour.

Long-established Willenhall firm BE Wedge has expressed fears that the development could put pressure on their busy metal galvanizing site, that sits yards from the proposed homes.

The Union Locks offices were built in 1933 and extended in 1945, though the lock manufacturers had been on the same site since 1883. The building became empty after Assa Abloy took over Union Locks in 2000.



Work starts to demolish the offices

# Resurfacing work is to close a busy route

**PARTS** of a main road used by thousands of motorists every day in Walsall has closed for resurfacing work to take place.

Work on Pleck Road, a key link between the M6 and Walsall, started on Monday and is due to last for two weeks.

The route is used by patients travelling to Walsall Manor Hospital. Highways bosses have decided to carry out the work overnight to minimise disruption for people going to the Manor.

However, drivers are still being warned of delays, disruption and diversions between Darlaston Road and Rollingmill Street until February 15.

## Warning on sofa sales at the door

COMPLAINTS have been made about a door-to-door salesman selling sofas from a van in Walsall.

The council is now trying to trace the man, who has been operating in Palfrey, to ensure the goods meet safety standards.

Communities boss Councillor Zahid Ali said: "We've had a complaint about sofas being sold door-to-door by a man in a van in Palfrey."

"We'd like to speak to the individual who is trying to sell this furniture as we'd like to be able to check the standard and fire safety of the settees."

"The last thing we would want would be for people to buy settees which were actually a danger to them so we'd ask people to get in touch if they are offered a settee door-to-door."

Council chiefs are monitoring mobile trading across the borough.

### Horrendous

"But they couldn't cut it off during the day as it would be horrendous. It would inconvenience the patients at the hospital."

"There have been complaints about the state of the road. It has got to be done so we have no choice."

Rob Miller, manager of the Evans Halshaw Ford car dealership in Pleck Road, said: "There are potholes all over."

"I think in the long run that this work is a good idea."

Tarmac is doing the work between 8pm and 6am.

Steve Griffiths, from the traffic management section at Walsall Council, said: "A signed diversion route will be in operation."

## Nathan drums up interest in final



Shire Oak pupil Nathan Greene competed for the Young Drummer of the Year title

A TALENTED Walsall musician reached the national final of a competition to find Britain's best young drummer.

Nathan Greene made it through to the final ten who beat a path to Leamington Spa to take part in Sunday's final.

The 16-year-old Shire Oak Academy pupil had to send off a tape of his drumming for experts to hear before making it to the top ten.

The Year 11 youngster impressed with his performance but didn't come top.

### Clapping

"After I played everyone stood up and was clapping. I would love to do that all the time. My parents said even the judges were standing up, which didn't happen that often, and they were really proud," said Nathan.

"I was quite upset that I didn't win as I tried my hardest. But everyone I spoke to after said I should have won, which was nice."

"A producer has given me his number and said I should ring him. I'm hoping that now everyone will know who I am and know what I am about. It was a really fun day and all the other contestants were good to talk to."

He added: "The winner was a really nice person, I'm glad that he won it."

### Traveller problem is 'never ending'

DEALING with travellers setting up on land across Walsall is a "never ending process," according to a councillor.

An encampment was set up on a council-owned car park in Dolphin Close, Goscoe, but was eventually moved on last month. But one of the caravans settled on land owned by Walsall Housing Group in Mill Street, Ryecroft, prompting a fresh notice to be served.

Councillor Pete Smith said: "It does seem as the law stands, that caravans can be moved and parked up from one illegal site to the next, knowing that the system is such that it will take some time before they are obliged to move on."

"It seems to be a never ending process."

### Make and mend at card workshop

THERE will be a decoupage and greeting card making workshop at Walsall's Mend It project tomorrow (Friday) from 9.45 to 11.45am. The sessions is part of a free family learning initiative at Green Lane Baptist Church, Burrows Street.

Pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult. Call (01922) 405521.

### Borough libraries mark special day

A STRING of events will be held at libraries across Walsall to celebrate National Libraries Day on Saturday.

Residents are being urged to go to their local library and find out about activities. There will be events at Brownhills, Pheasey, Aldridge, Darlaston and Walsall Wood libraries.

### Blood donor session call at Brownhills

BLOOD donor sessions to help hospitals are taking place in Brownhills next week.

The sessions will be held at St James Church, in Vicarage Road, on February 14 from 1.30-3.30pm and then from 4.30-7.30pm. Call 0300 123 23 23 to book an appointment.

### Ramblers go east for Sunday stroll

THE Walsall group of ramblers will be heading on a seven mile walk to Yoxall, near Lichfield, this weekend. The walk, taking in Alrewas is being held on Sunday. For more information call 0121 353 4102.

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THE INTERNET is a great blessing but, like all great technological leaps forward it brings its fair share of crooks. Home Office minister Jeremy Browne claims that cyber-crime, coupled with mass immigration, has created an estimated 7,500 crime gangs. Some days it feels like more, doesn't it? A tidal wave of casual crime has crept up on us from nowhere. There was a time, not so long ago, when the average law-abiding British citizen might encounter a conman once or possibly twice in a lifetime. Now, the phone rings three or four times a day with dodgy offers from criminals who want to take your money off you.

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A READER has been bending my ear on the subject of what was once called gay marriage, then same-sex marriage and now appears to be known as "equal marriage." He declares zealously: "The people who oppose equal marriage hold rather a low opinion of some of their fellow humans." In other words, the only possible reason for opposing it is that you hate gays. Quite how he squares this with the views of many gays who oppose equal marriage is not explained. But for the record, the latest thinking from Government lawyers in Whitehall is that equal marriage will require no act of consummation, and adultery will not be grounds for divorce – unless the adultery is with someone of the opposite sex. In what way is that equal? In what way is that marriage?

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A READER writes: "I do not understand the controversy about same-sex marriage. When you've been married long enough, the sex is the same."

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FOLLOWING my item on the metrication of snowfall, a reader asks: How big does a snowdrift have to be before it turns from millimetres into feet? Good question. I believe the changeover happens at about 2ft. In much the same way, the temperature these days is measured in Centigrade until it hits about 22 when, for no apparent reason, everything turns into Fahrenheit and we're suddenly in the Sizzling Seventies.

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A READER laments all this metric nonsense and longs for the days when we enjoyed imperial simplicity. "It was so easy," he recalls. "There were 12 inches in a foot, and 12 pence in a shilling. Therefore 100 pennies equalled 8ft 4ins and 90 inches was seven and sixpence." Ah, blissful days.

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HUNDREDS of British troops are going to help out our old friends the French with their post-imperial troubles in Mali. Do not take comfort from Mr Cameron's pledge that our troops will be trainers, not fighters. Most British deaths in Afghanistan over the past two years have been "green-on-blue" killings by the very Afghan soldiers and police we are supposed to be training.

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AND don't mistake bad news for good news. The headline: "Timbuktu falls without a shot fired" could also read: "Islamist guerrillas slip away with vehicles and weapons intact".

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A READER catching up on past episodes of *Homeland* (C4) noticed the title sequences referred to "The George Bush Centre of Intelligence." Are we all smiling?

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

## Lack of training for care home staff

A LACK of training and supervision for staff and no evidence of risk assessments being completed were among the failings unearthed at a care home in Walsall, a report has revealed.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) carried out an inspection at Mali Jenkins Specialist Residential Home, which cares for up to 20 people with neurological illnesses, predominately Parkinson's disease. This took place after concerns were raised by Walsall Council about the absence of a manager, after the local authority had stopped new placements of patients being sent to the home.

During a visit in December, inspectors found improvements were needed in five out of six areas assessed.

A report said they did not see that risk assessments had been completed for people who had bed rails to stop them falling, and more detail was needed on care plans.

It was also found that suitable arrangements were not in place to ensure staff had the knowledge and information to "recognise and report potential abuse". Not all staff at the care home, based at The Crescent, had received safeguard training.

## Absence

Inspectors found that, in the absence of a manager, there had been no robust system to ensure staff continued to receive supervision and appraisals. The report said: "The training matrix did not evidence that all staff had received and were up to date with the appropriate training."

The quality monitoring systems were said to be insufficient to check regulated activities within the home and the inspection found certain incidents had not been reported.

The report, however, said staff were courteous and polite and treated people with dignity and respect.

Bupa Care Homes (Partnerships) Limited, which manages the home, has now been asked to send a report to the CQC saying how it will improve.

Tim Seal, from Bupa, said: "We were already taking action to address the areas that the CQC have identified, and we have made significant progress."

He added that they would ensure standards at the home continued to improve.

## Hospital ward in official opening

A NEW hospital ward designed to provide better mental health care in Walsall has been officially opened.

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust has redesigned the Ambleside Ward at Dorothy Pattison Hospital, in Walsall. It offers better access to hospital facilities and therapeutic services.

## Garden

A private garden is also now available to help enhance recovery.

The new ward was opened by Mayor of Walsall Councillor Dennis Anson.

Glyn Shaw, chairman of Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, said: "This new modern facility will make a significant difference to our ability to treat patients and demonstrates our intention to keep improving the mental health services that we provide for the people of Dudley and Walsall."

"A lot of hard work and planning has gone into getting the ward ready."

## Council to sell-off more of its offices

**MORE council-owned buildings are set to close in Walsall to help save the cash-strapped authority more than £550,000.**

Reducing the council's property portfolio would help cut heating bills and maintenance costs. Savings of £573,000 are earmarked in the next financial year as part of budget proposals to go before the full council later this month.

Regeneration boss Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "Some buildings may close as part of the ongoing work but at present these have yet to be finalised. Work is ongoing to consider all the needs of the council's property portfolio."

by Craig Hughes

It emerged almost two years ago that the authority was looking to sell more than 20 offices to rake in more than £7 million.

Under the plans, 1,898 workers will share just 1,234 desks at the Civic Centre and Council House

with more staff working from home.

A report to councillors states: "The council has clearly set out its intentions and already begun to reduce spending and remove unnecessary expenditure on property so that more money can be prioritised for front line services."

## Efficient

"Some rationalisation has already taken place and in the future, more employees will work from fewer, more suitable buildings which will reduce running costs and make sure that we are increasingly efficient in our use of the buildings we actually need."

"As well as having the right buildings in the right locations, the council is already putting in place different ways of using these buildings with desk-sharing and home-working."

"Some buildings and sites we no longer need have been or will be sold to generate capital income which funds new projects to improve service to our customers."

## Award for screening

A CERVICAL screening initiative in Walsall has won an award after it helped to increase the number of women taking part.

It was named winner of the 2012 cervical screening awards by Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust.

Rita Sandhu, cervical screening outreach nurse for Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, accepted the top award for the outreach campaign. The campaign focused on reaching black and ethnic minority groups, and disabled people.

## Fancy fun helps charities



Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall Dennis and Kate Anson with Stroke Association support co-ordinator Sarah Parrish and Fullbrook Nursery staff and children

YOUNGSTERS at a nursery school in Walsall raised more than £250 for two charities during a fancy dress activity day.

Fullbrook Nursery pupils dressed as pirates and funds were raised through selling cakes at stalls, a raffle, face painting and pirate disco.

A total of £273 was raised and the cash was split between Walsall Mayor's chosen charity, Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, and the Stroke Association.

Wendy Smith, headteacher at the West Bromwich Road school, said: "The parents came in and brought food. Cakes were sold to raise money and there was an ice-cream van."

"The children just love these kinds of activities and pirates is always a popular topic. It's a fun day for the children and it makes them aware of the reasons behind raising money. It makes the children aware of the needs of others."

"We wanted to raise money for the Stroke Association because the charity helped a relative of a member of staff."

The school is also holding two open days on February 27 and March 1 for anyone with children interested in joining the nursery.

Call (01922) 721066 to book an appointment.

## Prescriptions by phone or the internet

PATIENTS in Walsall are among the first to benefit from electronic prescriptions.

People in Walsall are able to use an electronic NHS repeat prescription process, which can be managed online and over the phone.

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## Male voices are needed in choir

A HOSPICE in Walsall wants male singers to join its choir.

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## Boost for maternity at Manor

A £157,000 cash injection to improve the maternity unit at Walsall Manor will help make patients' stays as "comfortable as possible", say hospital bosses.

The cash has come from a Government grant. It has been earmarked for better en-suite rooms and to provide overnight accommodation for partners.

Nursing and midwifery chief, Karen Palmer, said: "We are extremely pleased to have received this grant which will enable us to make improvements to our maternity services environment."

### Partners

"These changes will have a positive impact not only on the women that use our services but also partners who will find a number of improvements, making their stay with us as comfortable as possible."

The Department for Health cash will be used to refurbish nine individual birthing rooms. This is to allow partners to stay overnight in comfort, along with more privacy and dignity for families using the main birthing facilities on the hospital site.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, which runs New Cross Hospital, was given £170,000 for new parent accommodation to be installed in the neo-natal unit.

Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust received £40,000.

The funding was announced by Health Minister Dr Dan Poulter, who said patients would now see huge improvements to maternity units across the country.

## Market rent cut will stay

A MONTH-LONG rent reduction is expected to remain for stalls on Walsall Market each January.

A £5-a-day reduction has been available for the first calendar month over the last few years.

There are controversial plans to increase rent in the next financial year, to raise £100,000 for council coffers.

Scores of traders have lodged objections and more than 20 complaints have been made by stallholders about the £5-a-day rise.

Despite this, bosses say a January cut is due to remain available in forthcoming years due to the "seasonal pressures" on market traders in the quiet period immediately after Christmas.

# Cemetery campaigners prepare for long struggle

A WARNING has been sounded for campaigners fighting to stop a cemetery being built on green-belt land near their homes.

A packed public meeting in Rushall last week heard from a resident living near the Springhill Cemetery Group's site at Muckley Corner, the same company behind the application before Walsall Council. The resident, who did not want to be named, warned that the firm fought for eight years to win planning permission after its original application was thrown out, adding: "Rejection is only when your troubles start - I would not wish what we have got on any other community."

At the sometimes stormy meeting council

officers were also criticised for not informing residents by letter of the application.

Chief planning officer Andrew Thompson read out house numbers in Aldridge Road, Mellish Road, Landywood House and Fernleigh Road where householders were notified by post. But several residents, living at the properties concerned, said that no letters had arrived.

### Petition

A petition opposing the cemetery has gained more than 1,200 signatures. Some 98 individual letters of protest have also been sent to the council.

Almost 300 angry residents confronted

council bosses over the proposed £3 million private cemetery near their homes.

The protesters won two extra weeks to submit objections after many said they had not had consultation notices.

Mr Thompson told a packed community hall at Rushall Church that the plan for an 8,000-plot graveyard in Aldridge Road, would almost certainly not go ahead because of flooding and contamination concerns.

That did little to comfort the residents who said they were prepared for an appeal by applicant Aamer Waheed, boss of Springhill Cemetery.

Businessman Suky Samra, of the Residents Against the Cemetery Campaign

group, said: "This is going to be a long battle."

The sometimes stormy meeting was chaired by Councillor Bob Barnard who said: "The strength of feeling here has been enormous."

Colin Andrews, director of nearby Calderfields Golf Academy, pointed out that the club had applied to build a driving range but were turned down because it would generate too much traffic. Highways officer Colin Whitehouse claimed a driving range would generate more traffic than a cemetery.

Residents were told that the cemetery would be open to all faiths and that restrictions on opening hours could be imposed.

# Recycling rules were ignored by binmen

WALSALL residents have criticised the council's controversial 'zero tolerance' recycling bin policy after refuse collectors were seen mixing waste during catch-up collections of rubbish left out in the snow.

Bin men clearing the backlog were told by the council to put both recycled and general waste into the same truck so the streets could be cleared as quickly as possible.

This came after the hard-line policy saw many residents' recycling bins go uncollected because they had allegedly mixed up the wrong sort of waste, which the council says reduced the amount that could be recycled - costing the cash-strapped authority money.

Now the council have been accused of breaking its own rules.

### Blighted

Arjun Chand, chairman of Caldmore and Palfrey Residents' Group said that the council's policy had blighted the borough, leaving the streets littered with rubbish.

"What they call a crack-down has in fact caused wider environmental problems," he said.

The policy introduced by the council last year, saw 'inspectors' snooping in people's bins and slapping on contaminated stickers.

Walsall Council's transport and environment boss, Councillor Tom Ansell said: "A small percentage of homes had their recycled waste included with their household waste as a last resort."

"This was to stop waste building up on our streets and remove bin bags from as many homes as possible."

## Sarah-Jane in marathon run



Sarah-Jane takes a break from training at Pure Gym, Walsall, where she is preparing for the London Marathon with coaching from personal trainer Marc Roe

A MEMBER of the Royal Air Force Reserves is putting on her running shoes to raise money for a charity close to her heart.

Sarah-Jane Green, of Highgate Drive, Walsall, will run the London Marathon on April 21 in aid of the Royal British Legion.

The 24-year-old para-athlete is aiming to raise £2,000 for the charity.

She has been training for the 26-mile run since November and has been running 10 to 20 miles each week, spurred on by personal trainer Marc Roe from Pure Gym in Walsall.

### Rehabilitation

Miss Green said: "The Royal British Legion funds and operates the Battle Back Centre in Lilleshall, which is a rehabilitation facility for wounded soldiers. As a member of the RAF Reserves, it helps my colleagues."

To support Sarah-Jane's marathon effort, visit [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SarahJaneGreen](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SarahJaneGreen) or text SJMT88 and the amount you would like to donate to 70070.

The London Marathon is one of the great British sporting events, combining elite athletics, mass participation and record-breaking fundraising in one race.

## NEWS

### in brief

#### Pub conversion design rejected

THE conversion of the former British Oak pub in Walsall town centre to become student accommodation was rejected by planners under delegated powers.

The scheme was to transform the building into four apartments and build another four-storey block with two homes.

Head of planning David Elsworth said: "The design and layout of the proposed development would create a poor outlook and residential environment for the future occupiers."

#### Extension at care home gets the OK

A CARE home in Walsall is to undergo a £200,000 revamp, creating jobs, after receiving the go-ahead from the council.

Cedar Falls in Bescot Road is to expand with 14 en-suite rooms.

The number of staff is expected to increase from 11 to 16. Walsall Council planners have approved extension of the site.

It was initially transformed into a 22-bedroom care home from a 40-bedroom hotel complex.

#### Crafts session at leather museum

CONTEMPORARY and vintage fabrics will be used to make cushion covers during a rag-running session at the Leather Museum, in Littleton Street West, Walsall, on Saturday, February 9 from 10.30am.

The session costs £15, including materials, and places can be booked on (01922) 721153.

#### Camera installed to watch for yobs

A CCTV camera will be fitted in Field Close, Bloxwich, to deter yobs who have been throwing stones at the A1 Pinfold Taxis office.

Police will also be stepping up patrols to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area following a number of complaints about the problem.

#### Library slide show

A SLIDE show about Brownhills will be given at the town's library to celebrate National Libraries Day on Saturday at 2pm, led by Bill Mayo.

#### Colour qualification

A SENIOR stylist at Walsall College's Graduate Academy, Rachael Perry has qualified as a colour expert on the Wella Professionals course.



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## NEWS

# Till packed a punch in charity comeback bout



Boxer Peter Till is declared the winner following his comeback fight for charity against Les Byfield in Cannock

**BOXER** Peter Till enjoyed a triumphant comeback in Cannock after stepping back into the ring in memory of his father.

Till, who retired as a professional in 1996, won the fight over six three-minute rounds in front of cheering crowds at The Premier Suite in High Green. The 49-year-old was raising

funds for Prostate Cancer UK in memory of his father George, known as Fono, who died from the disease aged 58.

**Opponent**  
Till walked into the ring to Dean Martin's 'That's Amore', his father's favourite song, before doing battle with his young opponent Les Byfield, and later sang it after being declared the winner. The fighter had received a

good-luck message from his former sparring partner and ex-World Featherweight Champion Barry McGuigan ahead of the bout.

Till, from Coalpool, Walsall, said after the fight: "It was great to be back in the ring. My two sons have never seen me fight so I wanted to do this for them as well as my father."

The former Midlands Area Lightweight Champion said he did not rule out another fight in the future.

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## NEWS

# Borough is part of £50m project to reduce car use

## Pets need new home



Trainee veterinary nurse Emily Lewis with Sadie and head veterinary nurse Amy Bytheway with Ross

LOVING new homes are needed for two dogs and a cat whose owners passed away. Doris Mansell, of Willenhall, died in October while her husband Alan passed away earlier this month. The couple's two dogs Sadie and Ross are in need of new homes.

Sadie is a six-year-old neutered border collie and suffers from epilepsy and hip dysplasia. She has to have daily pain relief but is described by staff at Lockwood Animal Hospital as friendly. Ross is a six-year-old male cross breed husky-type dog. Meanwhile, 11-year-old moggy Beau is in need of a new home as well. Call 01902 605080.

A £50 million project aimed at encouraging people to ditch their vehicles and use public transport or travel by bicycle in the Black Country has been launched.

by David Lumb

Smart Network, Smarter Choices is being introduced to encourage people to change their travel behaviour in favour of buses, trains, cycling and walking.

Local Transport Minister Norman Baker was at Sandwell Council House in Oldbury to launch the three-year project, which will see a package of measures introduced along 10 key routes.

These will include routes linking Walsall and Merry Hill and Walsall with Birmingham city centre. This will aim to improve links with Birmingham City University and Wolverhampton University's Walsall campus.

Transport authority Centro will work with companies to introduce workplace travel plans.

Measures will include better walking and cycling routes, car sharing initia-

tives, road and junction improvements plus advice to families, schools and businesses.

There will be Smartcard technology for cashless travel and improved bus stops with real-time passenger information on digital displays.

### Funding

The project also includes funding for an expansion of the WorkWise scheme, which provides free travel passes for unemployed people travelling to interviews or starting new jobs.

It is being delivered by Centro and the region's seven local authorities. It follows Centro's successful £33m bid to the Government's Local Sustainable Transport Fund and a further £15m from public and private contributions.

## Motorway closing for work

A STRETCH of the M6 will be closed overnight at weekends during February while work is carried out.

The motorway will be closed northbound and southbound between junctions five at Castle Bromwich and junction eight at the M5 link on Friday and Saturday nights, 10pm to 8am, every weekend until March 23 as gantries are dismantled and replaced. Lanes and slip roads may also be closed overnight during the week.

Rob Edwards, project manager, said closure ensured safety as the road workers would be working overhead with large and heavy equipment.

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## NEWS

# Homes for rent to be built on old factory site

**A TOTAL of £5.2 million is being ploughed into a new housing development on a historic former lock factory site in Willenhall.**

Almost 50 new homes will be built at the former Josiah Parkes factory site in Wood Street with work poised to get under way soon.

Bosses at housing association Accord Group said it would transform a dilapidated site which has lain empty for 10 years.

Existing buildings on the 1.76 acre site are to be flattened. They will be replaced with 35 two, three and four-bedroom homes and 12 two-bedroom apartments.

They will be developed by Accord Group and Westbury Partnerships, along with Walsall Council.

### Transform

It will provide homes for people on rental housing waiting lists and work is expected to be completed by late autumn this year.

Alan Yates, executive director of regeneration for Accord Group, said: "This scheme will take what is a dilapidated brownfield site and transform it into new, modern homes for he people of Willenhall."

by Catherine Dalton

"The development will play a significant part in the regeneration of the area and it will also create much-needed social housing in the West Midlands, which saw the number of people on waiting lists for homes rise to 180,000 last year."

Funding of £1.48m is being provided by the Government's Homes and Communities Agency.

Walsall regeneration chief Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "On a number of occasions I have been asked to review the importance of this project and have continually kept it on the list of priorities for the borough."

The development, near Willenhall's Morrisons store, is part of Accord plans to build 1,500 homes across the West Midlands in four years.

## Ode to a bus



Heather Sheldon, engineering administration assistant at Arriva Tamworth, shows her love for the bus

BUS company Arriva Midlands has launched an unusual appeal to make sure its buses don't miss out this Valentine's Day, by asking locals to declare their love for the bus.

The company, which operates routes in Walsall, is appealing for customers to send in love-letters and poems for their favourite form of public transport. Keith Myatt, of Arriva Midlands, said: "There is a famous saying that love makes the world go round but we at Arriva Midlands think it's actually buses, especially as they play such a pivotal role in our daily lives, often going un-noticed and un-appreciated."

To enter the competition email a reason to love the bus (no more than 100 words) with name, age, location and telephone number to marketing.midlands@arriva.co.uk or visit [www.arrivabus.co.uk/do-you-love-the-bus/](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/do-you-love-the-bus/)

## Jubilee tree planting

A TREE will be planted in Walsall Arboretum tomorrow (Friday) in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It is one of 60 special commemorative trees provided countrywide by the Tree Council to mark the anniversary. The public are invited to see the tree being planted at 2pm near the clock tower.



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## NEWS

# Hefty fine for firm over health and safety breach



This photograph, taken by a member of the public, sparked an investigation by the Health & Safety Executive

**A FIRM has been landed with a bill for thousands of pounds for instructing two men to work high up in the air without correct protection or training.**

The action comes after a concerned member of the public took a picture of the men working at a furniture shop in Bridgton.

The workers were spotted precariously on the roof – and the picture prompted an investigation by the Health and Safety Executive.

Officers visited the site in Green Lane and found the workers were not

trained for the roof repairs they were doing for refurbishment and shop fitting firm Fastrac Profiles Limited. HSE investigators say the two workers, and those working below them, were put in unnecessary danger.

## Falls

Fastrac Profiles Limited, of Neptune Industrial Estate in Owen Road, Wilenhall, was fined £5,000 at Stafford magistrates court. It was also ordered to pay £3,761 in costs after pleading guilty to breaching part of the Work at Height Regulations 2005.

HSE inspector Alastair Choudhury said: "Falls from height are a signifi-

cant cause of fatalities and serious injuries. The risks involved with work at height are entirely foreseeable and it is essential that proper planning assessment and training is undertaken to reduce these risks.

"Those who neglect to do this and who don't provide a safe system of work, put workers at serious risk."

Magistrates were told the workers had been instructed to weld steel to uprights at the apex of a roof. No risk assessment had been carried out, the court heard. HSE officers also found no fall prevention measures, such as scaffolding, were in place. The offence happened on September 26, 2011.

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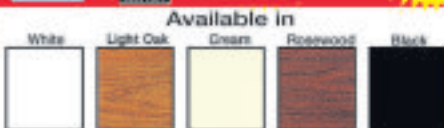
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## NEWS

# Second monument to mark Hoard discovery

**A SECOND sculpture to celebrate the discovery of the Staffordshire Hoard is proposed.**

It was announced last year that Lichfield would be getting a monument created by top international sculptor Peter Walker.

It is now planned that Burntwood, near where the discovery was made, will also get a marker of the historic event – and be the start of a county tourist trail.

Businessman Robert Carr is behind the proposals for both tributes, with Mr Walker part of the design and creation process.

They hope to get the community involved, influencing what the sculptures look like, where they will be located and the material they will be made of.

### Concept

They will soon start to fundraise for the project, though they have not yet got a target figure.

Mr Carr said the focus should go back to the site of the hoard discovery. They had been looking at the concept of creating the artwork since the hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold was discovered in 2009.

“Public art is invaluable in helping to focus attention on the important factors of our heritage and these artworks will be long term investments in the area,” said Mr Walker, who lives in Burntwood.

He said that they hoped the two sculptures would encourage more tourists to the area.

## Young help elderly

MEMBERS of a Muslim youth group helped to clear streets and driveways of snow, assisted motorists and helped the elderly with their shopping during January's cold weather. Nearly a dozen members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association in Walsall helped clear snow in Pleck and members responded to a request from Walsall Council to help outside a care home.

## Relief as pets survive blaze



Tracy Jones says family and pets had a lucky escape from fire

A MOTHER-OF-TWO has spoken of her relief after her pets were rescued from her burning home.

Snakes, parrots, dogs, cats and a tarantula were saved by fire crews called to the blaze at the terraced home in Curtin Drive, Moxley.

Firefighters were called to the property at 8.45am on Tuesday of last week, after the fire ripped through the back bedroom of the two-storey semi.

The bedroom was gutted and the rest of the house suffered 50 per cent smoke damage.

The blaze is believed to have been caused by an electrical fault.

Firefighters had to break into the home, which was unoccupied at the time, and discovered the animals – two corn snakes called Monty and Jake, cats Scamp and Cat – two parrots – an African grey parrot

called Charlie and a blue-headed conure parrot called Olly and a tarantula called Harry.

Two dogs in the garden, a Staffie called Breeze and Rottweiler-cross called Bronte were also found.

Tracey Jones, who was out at the time, said: “It could have been a lot worse.

### Rang

The 36-year-old, who is mother of Luke, 15, and Nathan, 12, said: “My kids are my life. If it had been overnight, I don’t know what would have happened.”

She added: “The animals could have died. I’m so glad they got them all out alive. When I saw they were safe it was such a relief.”

Miss Jones was dropping off her son Nathan at school when a friend rang her mobile to alert her.

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## New parish priest



Father Musella, right, with Superior General, Rt Rev Father Antonio Rafael do Nascimento from Rome  
Picture by Jozef Lopuszynski

A WALSALL Roman Catholic church has welcomed its new parish priest and has also become the first parish in England run by the Vaticanist Fathers.

The order's Superior General, the Rt Rev Father Antonio Rafael do Nascimento travelled from Rome to witness the induction of Father Salvatore Musella at St Mary's the Mount RC Church, Archbishop of Birmingham. Bernard Longley officially welcome

the Society of Divine Vocations into the archdiocese. The order, founded in 1922, strives to foster vocations to the priesthood, particularly among the poor.

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Father Musella will be assisted in the parish by a fellow priest Father Kuttkatt and four Vaticanist Brothers who are studying for the priesthood.

## Mechanics and master chef contest on half-term agenda

AN action-packed week for young people in Walsall is promised during the half-term holidays.

There is a motorbike mechanics session in Aldridge, a Masterchef competition in Mossley, ancestry training in Pelsall and graffiti art in Moxley.

There will also be the opportunity to go on trips out including go-karting, fishing, ice skating and Waterworld water park.

Activities will be taking place between February 18 and 22 and are aimed at youngsters aged nine to 19 years who live in the borough.

Many of the events are free of charge but there may be a small fee for some of the day trips.

The full schedule of activities for the week is available from the website <http://www.mywalsall.org/positive>

# Boss loses operator's licence after limo check

A LIMOUSINE operator has had her licence revoked after inspectors pulled over a vehicle taking pupils to their prom night in Walsall and found it was operating illegally.

Sarah Farrell has been disqualified from holding or obtaining a licence to carry passengers for 12 months by the West Midlands Traffic Commissioner Nick Jones who found she had been "reckless" in failing to check the legal status of her stretch Dodge limousine, which was stopped in an inspection exercise by the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency.

It had been carrying five passengers from Wednesday to their school prom at Banks' Stadium on June 29 last year.

### Paperwork

It was found that Ms Farrell did not have the proper paperwork and the limo was kitted out with a large number of seats, even though her licence only allowed her to carry eight passengers or less.

Mr Jones said: "Legitimate limousine operators suffer from those that flout the law and thereby gain commercial advantage."

"Sarah Farrell has obtained commercial advantage in breaching the clear rules which were spelt out to

her in unequivocal terms in November 2011."

He said it had been a "flagrant breach of basic legal requirements".

He added: "I take into account the fact that she is not a large-scale commercial enterprise, instead she is a naive foolish individual who ought to have applied instead for a private hire licence from a local authority."

"In looking for positives I accept that this operator is not in the category of large scale, sophisticated illegal operation that tarnishes the reputation of the limousine industry, this allows me to keep any disqualification relatively short."

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by Lisa O'Brien

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## NEWS

# Runner, 81, back on the road for new challenge



Gordon Woodlands hopes to add to his collection of running shirts and medals with the Stafford Half Marathon

**A FORMER postman from Bentley is preparing to pound the pavements again – at the age of 81 – for charity.**

Gordon Woodlands is in training ahead of taking part in the Stafford Half Marathon in five weeks' time.

The runner had a pacemaker fitted last November but did two runs just weeks later. He will take part in the 13-mile Stafford Half Marathon for the first time on March 17 to collect cash for Acorns Children's Hospice.

He says he is well under way with the training and is currently doing 10-mile routes three days a week, taking in Wolverhampton and Willenhall.

### Series

Mr Woodlands has taken on a series of challenges that have already included a 10K event in London and Santos on the Run at Christmas.

He said: "I did eight runs last year, but this is my first half marathon at Stafford."

Hundreds of competitors and sup-

porters are expected at the half marathon event. A school and family fun run is also planned for the day. The route will head from the town centre into surrounding countryside, before returning to the town's Market Square via Victoria Park.

Anyone who would like to sponsor him can go to the [www.justgiving.com/gordon-woodlands1](http://www.justgiving.com/gordon-woodlands1) page. For more details about the event, send an email to [acorns.runningman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:acorns.runningman@hotmail.co.uk)

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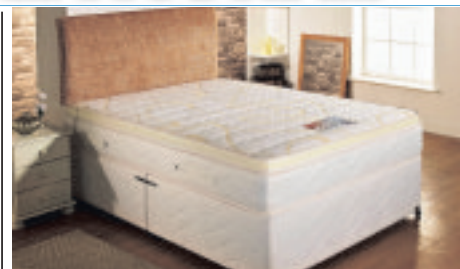
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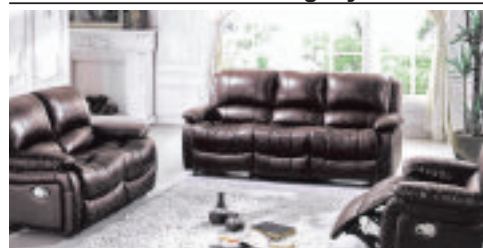
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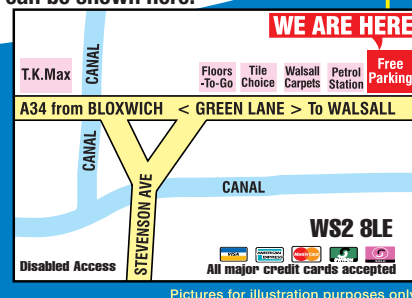
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## REVIEWS

### Keeping the Faith with a style icon



Dynamic diva Paloma Faith performing at Wolverhampton Civic Hall

Paloma Faith, Wolverhampton Civic Hall

ENTERTAINER, kooky style icon and soul singer, Paloma Faith has only released two albums but is already a firm favourite with the British public, as shown by a full house at the Civic Hall on Saturday night with fans ranging from children to senior citizens.

Her honey-coloured hair piled high, the songstress from Hackney began her 90 minute concert in elaborate pose holding huge Japanese-ish fans decorated with musical notes and piano keys.

#### Gold

The curtain parted to reveal a Palm Court set with gold and platinum foliage surrounding her five-piece band and three backing singers.

Clad in a 1940s-style black velvet dress with golden neck and waist motifs, she opened with Let Your Love Walk In from her Brit-nominated second album Fall To Grace.

That album's melancholy ballads dominated the set.

She was honest to tell the audience that she was bored with songs from debut album Do You Want The Truth or Something Beautiful, and relegated her breakthrough release to four songs. One of them, the up-tempo Upside Down, got the most enthusiastic reaction of the night.

Other highlights included her cover of INXS song Never Tear Us Apart, which she has made her own, and the tender Just Be. Soul belter Something's Got A Hold On Me, originally by her music hero Etta James, showed why Jools Holland rates Paloma so highly.

The diminutive dynamic diva climbed on top of the piano to sing Freedom before sending the fans home happy with Picking Up The Pieces and Black And Blue.

Paloma Faith will be back in the West Midlands for a Forest Live concert at Cannock Chase on June 28.

Leon Burakowski

## Grand secrets and suspects

### Go Back For Murder, Wolverhampton Grand

SUSPECTS, secrets and suspense abound in this new production of Go Back For Murder at the Grand Theatre.

The Agatha Christie Theatre Company does delightful justice to this classic mystery penned by the dame of drama.

Although the intriguing plot moves along slowly in the first half it gathers a sharp pace with its twists and turns in the second act.

Trying to prove her mother's innocence of poisoning her father, Carla Crale goes around each witness to get their version of events of that fateful day. The first class cast use their talent well in establishing each character's persona.

Sophie Ward plays both daughter and mother incredibly well, supported by Liza Goddard who plays a demure Miss Williams.

The stage lights dim and each actor stands perfectly still in the final scene to reveal the real murderer. Whodunit? You will have to take a trip to the Grand Theatre to find out.

Go Back For Murder continues until Saturday.

Les Jowett

## A classic Christie crescendo to relish

The Mousetrap, Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre  
Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap is a tale of murder, madness and passion which at times seemed a bit dated.

The whodunit genre began with this long-running play which is now celebrating its 60th year.

The slow plot line felt a bit grinding but the crescendo more than made up for it.

The most recognisable cast member, Karl Howman, best known as Jacko in TV's Brush strokes, is good as Mr Paravicini the sadistic Italian stranger.

The limelight is stolen by the enthralling acting of Jemma Walker as Mollie Ralston. Some of the other characters can be quite annoying.

The Mousetrap is on at the Alexandra until Saturday and then the anniversary tour comes to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from May 27 to June 1.

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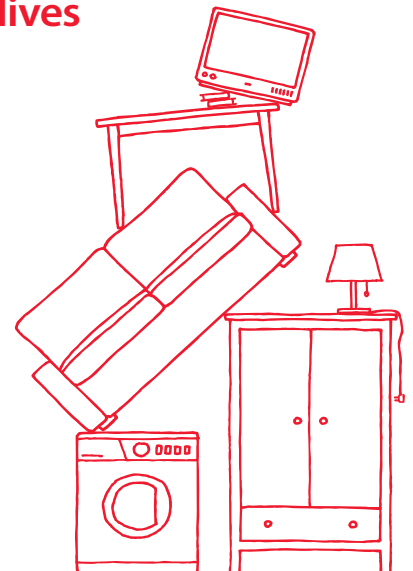
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## NEWS

# Hindu temple plan at a former problem pub

## Special birthday for Alice



Alice Ward celebrates her 102nd birthday with family in Walsall. Alice Ward, of Leighwood Residential Care Home, was taken out to mark the milestone last week at the Longhorn pub in Sutton Road.

The mother-of-one is originally from Yorkshire and comes from a family of farmers. She moved to the Midlands in the 1930s and the widow has lived in Walsall for the last decade. Her husband died almost 40 years ago.

Her family and a friend took her out to celebrate and staff at the pub, including manager Esther Bennett, treated her to a birthday cake and a glass of bubbly.

A FORMER pub in Willenhall will be given a new lease of life as a Hindu place of worship and community centre under new proposals.

The Long Acres pub would be used as a place for meditation and prayer. In plans being considered by Wolverhampton City Council this week, the premises would also provide day-care for the elderly, education classes, employment training and leisure activities.

The pub lost its licence and closed in 2010 after late night disturbances in the neighbourhood.

The new facility at the former pub on Dilloways Lane, would be open for community activities such as yoga, dance classes and social clubs.

### Weddings

It was hoped weddings and funerals would also take place occasionally at the site, which borders Willenhall and Bilston.

Bilston North councillor Philip Page said the site had previously been vandalised and used as a car park for travellers. He added: "I'm sure the community would want to see what the proposals are before they decide what they want to do. Whatever they are planning has got to be better than it being vandalised."

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## Poems for charity

WALSALL'S poet laureate Ian Henery has written a book of poems in aid of the mayor's charity appeal.

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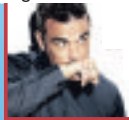
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**Monday:** Breakfast, then a local guide will meet our coach and give you a tour of the city. Then we go to the new shopping area known as 'Liverpool 1' for a couple of hour's free time to shop and perhaps a spot of lunch. Around 1:30pm we visit one of the largest Cathedrals in the world, a guided tour will tell you history of the building. An afternoon cream tea in the Cathedral is included before we leave for home.

**Coach departs: Sunday 28th April £99**

## CLUB NEWS

## Subs rise as hire fee increases

### WOLLASTON E TOWNSWOMEN

THE first meeting of 2013 was very well attended by 41 members and nine guests.

Chairman Jean Latham, warmly welcomed everyone and wished them a prosperous and healthy new year. She added she was pleased that everyone had enjoyed the Christmas party.

The secretary followed with the correspondence, most of which comprised 'thank you' messages from neighbouring guilds invited to the Christmas party.

The treasurer reported that due to increases in the costs of hiring venues, speakers, etc, subscriptions have to be raised to £27. However, the evening admission fee remains at £1.30.

The secretary requested that annual sub-section reports are submitted in time for the AGM in March.

Speaker for the evening, John Billingham, gave a very informative talk with slides on the subject of 'Images of Worcestershire'. He was given a round of applause and thanked by the chairman.

The competition winners were Janet Hodder and Sue Ward, while raffle prizes went to Barbara Sawyer and Jude Cresswell.

The next meeting is at 7.30pm on February 12 at St James Church Hall. Ian Bott will speak on 'Black Country Burials'. The competition involves a photo of a local church.

## Donation will prove vital for blind centre



Stephen Lees hands the cheque to Pete Moodie of the Beacon Centre for the Blind

### PROBUS CLUB OF WEDNESFIELD

STEPHEN Lees, president for 2012, had great pleasure in presenting on behalf of Probus Club of Wednesfield a cheque for £400, which included his own generous contribution, to Mr Peter Moodie at the group's first meeting in January.

Mr Moodie expressed thanks on behalf of Beacon Centre for the Blind and said the money would go towards the vital services that the centre offers to local people with visual impairment. He followed up with gave a talk and demonstrated helpful items

that can be used in daily lives by people with sight loss. Thanks were expressed by 2013 president Mel Pope with the club's best wishes to Beacon for the future.

For a full list of meetings, which take place on the third Tuesday in the month, and events, contact John on 01902 733230 or David on 01902 631948.

## Extra added to charity pot

### SEDGLEY MORNING TOWNSWOMEN

THERE was a very good response to the competition for a handmade Christmas card or decoration.

Guild members were asked to put a coin on the item they thought was the best and the money raised would go to the charity fund and it raised a total of £38.20.

December's speaker was Rod Quilter, who spoke of 'Remarkable Restraints' a history of corsetry since the turn of the century with

examples for members to pass around and look at.

As bad weather is always a threat in January it was decided to hold a bring and buy sale, which added £50.20 to the charity fund.

Members then enjoyed a Beetle Drive with prizes for winners and losers.

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## NEWS

## Curry masterclass



Five Rivers head chef Rashpal Singh Sunner with students Siana Walker, Sanjay Kumar and lecturer Steve Biggs

A MASTERCLASS in Indian cookery was served up to students at Walsall College to teach them how to perfect their dishes.

Professional chefs from Walsall's Five Rivers A La Carte restaurant dropped into the college to share their expertise with students. Head chef Rashpal Sunner, said: "We were very impressed with the enthusiasm shown by students."

## Date change as Wolves boss to guest at event

THE DATE of a fundraiser in memory of a popular young footballer who died of meningitis has been changed.

The event will go ahead on March 15 instead of March 1 after Wolves manager Dean Saunders, who has agreed to be guest speaker, could not make the original date.

A Wolves fixture change due to Sky Sports coverage meant the event in memory of 13-year-old Liam Keeling had to be rescheduled.

Liam, of Cheslyn Hay, died suddenly in October 2009. The death of the popular pupil of Cardinal Griffin School in Cannock prompted his parents Andy and mum Georgina to collect cash for the Meningitis UK charity - so far raising more than £125,000.

Former Aston Villa striker Saunders had already been signed up by Andy and Georgina for the annual sports dinner at Walsall's Banks's Stadium, while he was manager of Doncaster Rovers.



Tragic Liam Keeling

### Booked

Postman Andy, aged 53, said: "We booked him a while ago when he was still at Doncaster, and when he moved we thought we might have to get another speaker - but Dean said he was still OK to do it."

"But we've only found out in the last few days that Sky Sports have changed the date of the Wolves match with Watford to Friday, March 1 which clashed with our event."

A table of 10 can be booked for £320, with individual tickets available for £34 each. To book, call 07800 816871.



Wolves boss Saunders

## Boss soothes job fears

A WALSALL foundry says no job cuts are planned, despite its parent group being hit by a European slowdown.

Chamberlin & Hill's chief executive Tim Hair said that short time working had had to be introduced at its other foundry sites in Leicester and Scunthorpe.

Mr Hair said: "We have no plans to change employment levels at Walsall as a result of this downturn."

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## FOCUS ON WILLENHALL

### Tough guy movie star visits club



Movie star Danny Dyer, right, with Wolverhampton boxer Nigel Rafferty

A SELL-OUT crowd of 250 people packed into a Willenhall bar to meet hardman actor Danny Dyer.

The film star signed autographs, posed for pictures and spoke about his career to fans at Gilberts.

The Football Factory actor appeared alongside ex-hooligan Jason Marriner at the Field Street venue on Friday. The 35-year-old said: "I'm very good friends with Jason. Obviously he lived a life really as a hooligan back in the day and I pretend to be a hooligan."

"I love a working men's club. I was brought up in them. Where else am I going to get a drink in Willenhall? It's what I'm all about. I'm so not glitzy and glamour."

Dyer started out with TV roles in Cadfael, Prime Suspect and A Touch of Frost by the time he was 16. He moved on to films such as Human Traffic and Mean Machine.

The event was organised by Darlaston-based promoter Matthew Lemm with Dan Greatrex.

# Patrols are stepped up after spate of break-ins at homes

POLICE patrols have been stepped up following a series of house burglaries on an estate in Willenhall. Officers are investigating whether the break-ins are linked after rear door locks were forced during the last month.

There have been at least four burglaries where cash and jewellery was taken from the Broadway Estate in New Invention in January.

A letter drop has been carried out in the area warning residents of the burglaries and reminding them to maintain security at their properties.

Police have received four reports with the first on January 3, another two on January 5 and the most recent on January 24.

The majority have happened during the daytime and officers and councillors are appealing for help in tracing those responsible.

### Locks

Thieves got into the properties by forcing the locks on uPVC doors.

West Midlands Police spokesman Brigg Ford said: "They all look like similar kind of entries and police are looking to see if they may be linked."

"We have increased patrols in that area. It has been identified as an area to put some additional resources in."

The letter drop was

by Craig Hughes

carried out with the messages advising residents of what had happened and promoting the benefits of having a neighbourhood watch group in the area.

Willenhall councillor Ian Shires said council officers are working through Willenhall Area Partnership and along with police to pull out all the stops to catch those responsible.

He said: "Someone knows who this person is and we appeal to them to come forward with information to the police on 101 so that residents can get on with their lives feeling safe and secure in their own homes."

Cllr Shires said that alongside fellow ward representative Val Woodruff they would be asking the area partnership to look into ways of improving security in the area.

They also want more information to be given to residents on how they can improve security within their own homes.

Anyone with information can call police officers on 101.

## Screwfix branch nails the top spot



Manager Jacqui Wall and the award-winning team at the Screwfix branch on the Key Industrial Park, Willenhall

THE Screwfix team at the company's store in Willenhall is celebrating after scooping the company's highest accolade and being named the Screwfix Store of the Year 2012.

Beating competition from more than 250 stores up and down the country, the team based on Key Industrial Park,

won through both rounds of the contest to take the coveted title.

They were awarded second place in 2011, so the team were delighted when they managed to go one better in 2012 to be declared the top branch across the company's entire network.

Graham Bell, operations director,

said: "Our branch in Willenhall not only ticked the right boxes in terms of being commercially successful but there was a real buzz in-store with team members enthusiastic about their products, proud to represent Screwfix and committed to delivering great customer service."

### Advice for the jobless

A WORK guide designed to help unemployed people in Willenhall has been launched by town's area partnership.

The short booklet, entitled Getting Willenhall into Work, gives people advice and useful numbers on where to seek help finding employment.

The leaflet will be available at Willenhall's library, job centre, community centres, plus job clubs and training providers.

### Lose inches at fit camp

A NEW club in Willenhall is planning to help people get fitter.

The Inch Loss Camp at Willenhall Chart Centre, Gomer Street is an intensive six-week course including circuit training.

Starting on February 25, the club will run every Monday and Thursday from 5pm and on Wednesdays from 5.30pm.

For more information call Willenhall Chart on 01902 368199.

### Choral concert for bowls club

A CONCERT will take place tomorrow night (Friday) to raise money for Willenhall's Trinity Bowls Club.

Ashmore Park Choir, celebrating their 40th anniversary, will sing at Short Heath Methodist Church, Wesley Road, at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5, available on the door.

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## NEWS

# Simon says weight loss brings new lease of life



Simon Turnbull celebrates after shedding the weight



Simon Turnbull before he lost 10st in weight

**A SUPER slimmer shed 10 stones in 12 months after being 'scared' into losing weight following the death of his mother.**

When Simon Turnbull lost his mother to a heart attack following a battle with obesity, he knew it was time to shed the pounds himself and get fit.

The 44-year-old from Walsall joined a slimming class in Cannock and now weighs around 15 stones. He has since helped scores of people with their own weight struggles after becoming a consultant. Mr Turnbull, of Suffolk Grove, Aldridge, said: "I've always been big. Even in school my nickname in the football team was 'tank'."

"I was morbidly obese. My mum was overweight and she had a massive heart attack. I was scared I would end up the same way so I knew I had to lose weight."

## Active

"I followed a healthy, balanced diet. I wasn't denying myself anything. I was eating in moderation."

"I went to the gym three or four times a week and I still keep active by walking the dog and playing golf."

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The Turf Tavern in 1969



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The Spotted Cow, Wolverhampton Road, in the snow



The Bell is on the site of a Tudor inn

# Cheers! A pub crawl through old Bloxwich

**BLOXWICH** was always famed for its historic pubs.

Most Bloxwich 'locals' date from the late 1800s and the 1900s, when many ancient inns were swept away. One exception is Bloxwich's oldest surviving pub, the fine old Georgian Royal Exchange in Stafford Road.

Built in the late 1700s, the Exchange was added to in the early 1800s when it was described as being on the Short Heath – the village green, now Bloxwich Park.

The Turf Tavern (popularly known as Tinky's,) in Wolverhampton Road, is famous for being unspoiled. Run by Doris Hiscott-Wilkes and her daughter Zena, it dates back to at least 1871. The present owner's great-grandfather purchased it in 1879. The family, also known as locksmiths and metalworkers, is descended from legendary Bloxwich rebel Samuel Wilks, who stood up for the village against Walsall in the mid-1700s.

by Stuart Williams

The original Bell Inn was a Tudor building. Run by the Beech family for most of the 1800s, it was demolished in about 1900 when the present Bell was erected on the corner of Bell Lane.

It was so popular with miners and metalworkers that it closed at 11pm and reopened before 6am for the returning night shift.

## Brewery

The mid-Victorian Spotted Cow in Wolverhampton Road, by Bloxwich Park, is another popular and historic pub. William Roberts Brewery of Brownhills owned the Cow and the Spring Cottage on Elmore Green Road from 1903.

On the High Street, surrounded by shops, is the busy Prince of Wales. Built in 1928 in mock-Tudor style with a hint of art deco, to succeed its Victorian predecessor, the Prince's sign derives from an

old French coat of arms adopted by the Black Prince, son of King Edward III.

The Rumping Cat, in Elmore Green Road, is a Victorian pub from 1900, which changed name from the Sandbank Tavern in 1957 according to a tradition that there should always be a Bloxwich pub named the Rumping Cat in memory of Sir Gilbert Wakeringe. The 16th century landowner and patron of Bloxwich Church had a coat of arms that included such an animal.

With these and more, Bloxwich still has many historic and lively pubs that continue to add to the character of this ancient village.

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The Prince of Wales, High Street, in 1937



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# Ann's transformation

**A**NN flashes an engaging smile and declares confidently: "I'm looking to join a choir – I love singing."

The retired general nurse, midwife and public health worker from the Midlands, continues: "It's one of the things I want to do again, having been involved in a Finding the Voice course."

"It's such a joyous pastime and what's more, it gives me pleasure while hopefully putting something back into life for others." It is hard to imagine Ann shying away from anything – a consummate, articulate professional, who embraces life and opportunity with an infectious enthusiasm.

But trouble with her teeth began to erode her positive approach and she admits her self-image took a dive. I became too self-conscious of my teeth."

She adds: "Family get-togethers over meals became awkward for me because my teeth were not functional, but it was at my mother's 90th birthday party it really came home to me. 'What's the matter with your teeth?'

"She said 'they're all misshapen'. It was true.

"My mother said what no-one else would say. It's true also, teeth can be life-damaging." Ann, who once worked in Australia before meeting her husband and returning to the UK, had suffered periodontal (gum) disease of her top crown.

Some teeth had become loose and twisted while other, more mobile teeth, had to be extracted. Her sister was a patient with Wolverhampton implantologist Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc, principal dentist at Parkdale Dental Clinic on Tettenhall Road, and she persuaded her to have a consultation with him.

Mr Pugh recalls: "Sadly, by this time,

Ann's gum disease was aggressive and far too advanced so we didn't have the option to treat her gum disease. We had to extract all of her upper teeth and then place four implants to support an implant-retained denture."

Ann's case was then referred to Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng) of the Denture Clinic, which is also

based at the Parkdale practice, and he prescribed and made the prosthetic. Mr Burchell, who also has a clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "With the implant-retained top denture we could guarantee stabilisation, giving Ann the smile she wanted and excellent functionality too."

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It provides the chance for musicians to continue playing music after school leaving age and is looking for talented amateurs to join the 35-strong ensemble. The orchestra is open to all ages and instruments, especially brass and string players. Call 0121 533 7160.

## Rumours true that the Mac are back

FLEETWOOD Mac will be performing in Birmingham as part of a nationwide tour this summer, it was announced this week.

The Grammy winning Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees will appear at the LG Arena on September 29. Fleetwood Mac last toured in 2009 with the sold out Unleashed Tour. Tickets cost between £50 and £125. They go on sale today (Friday).

## Brass band are out of this world

THE Staffordshire Band will perform a concert with an outer space theme at Walsall's Forest Arts Centre tomorrow (Friday). The brass band's show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and available on 0845 111 2898.

# Boogie Nights musical will be a feast of 70s nostalgia

**JIMMY Osmond, and his brothers Jay and Merrill, will lead a disco-tastic tribute to the 1970s in Wolverhampton and Birmingham.**

Joining them for the musical Boogie Nights will be Pop Idol and West End star Gareth Gates and, from The X Factor, cheeky Chico, Laura White and soul singing former binman Andy Abraham.

## Dream will do nicely for fans



Keith Jack as Joseph

KEITH Jack came a close second in the TV search for a new Joseph, Any Dream Will Do. But since 2011 he has established himself as a popular leading man in the touring production of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd-Webber's Biblical musical.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat returns to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday. Call the box office on 01902 429212.

The jukebox musical will feature Shane Richie Junior in the role of roguish disco fan Roddy, a jack the lad in a provincial British town, a character first played by his father, who helped create the show 15 years ago.

## Survive

Gates plays a heart-throb, Abraham a tough soul singer with a liking for Barry White songs, and Chico will be showing his disco dance moves to Le Freak. As Debs, Louisa Lytton (EastEnders, The Bill and Strictly Come Dancing) will belt out such numbers as I Will Survive.

The three Osmond brothers will appear as special guests, and will perform their 70s hits Crazy Horses and Love Me For A Reason.

Boogie Nights is at Wolverhampton Civic Hall (0870 3207000) tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow night (Fri), then will move to Symphony Hall (0121 780333) in Birmingham on Saturday night.



Actress Elizabeth McGovern as Lady Cora in Downton Abbey, left, and fronting her band Sadie and the Hotheads, who are coming to Birmingham and Worcester



## Downton's Lady Cora is a rocker

AMERICAN star Elizabeth McGovern is famous for the role of Lady Cora in hit ITV costume drama Downton Abbey but she has another alter-ego, as lead singer and guitarist with rock band Sadie and the Hotheads.

The former Hollywood actress, who married an English director and moved to London in the 1990s, will bring her band to the Adrian Boult Hall in Birmingham tomorrow night (Friday) and to Worcester's Huntingdon Hall on Saturday.

She said: "It's an Americana kind of sound, a mix of country and rock and roll. It's as if I needed to be in London to discover this side of myself."

The Hotheads sometimes also feature guests, which have included her on-screen Downton daughter, actress and singer Michelle Dockery. Tickets cost £21 at Birmingham. Call 0121 3450600.

## Expectations high for Dickens show

A GALA West End performance of Great Expectations, a new adaptation of the classic Charles Dickens novel, will be screened live at Walsall Showcase tonight (Thursday), from 6.45pm.

It is being beamed from the Vaudeville Theatre to 150 cinemas nationwide on the great 19th century novelist's birthday.

The cast includes Paula Wilcox as Miss Havisham, Chris Ellison as the convict Magwitch, Jack Ellis as lawyer Jaggers and Taylor Jay-Davies as the young Pip.

## Mock The Week comic at the pub

MOCK The Week regular Gary Delaney headlines an evening of laughs at June's Comedy Club in Walsall on Monday, February 11, with special guests including Mrs Barbara Nice.

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## CHOICE



Patrick Robinson

**Casualty**  
**BBC1, 9.10pm**  
Long-standing Casualty fans probably won't need to be reminded about Martin 'Ash' Ashford, but for newer viewers, he was Charlie's former deputy who worked on the wards of Holby between 1990 and 1998. Since leaving the show, actor Patrick Robinson has regularly cropped up on our screens - his credits include a two-year stint on The Bill - and it turns out his Casualty alter ego has been busy as well, because when Ash rejoins the team this evening, it's as a fully qualified doctor. But how will he feel when he discovers his first patient has a case of rabies?

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Good Cook. (R) **12.00** BBC News. Regional News: Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. **4.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union.  
**7.00** **BBC News:** Regional News; Weather.  
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**8.20** **The National Lottery: In It To Win It.** Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by Scott Mills.  
**9.10** **Casualty.** Charlie's former nursing deputy Ash, now qualified as a doctor, rejoins the team, and hits the ground running when he treats a patient with suspected rabies.  
**10.00** **BBC News:** Weather.  
**10.20** **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Swansea City v Queens Park Rangers and Southampton v Manchester City. National Lottery Update.  
**11.40** **The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Bolton Wanderers v Burnley.  
**12.55** **Weather.** **1.00** News.

## BBC2

**6.00** Close. **7.10** Great British Menu. (R) **7.40** Great British Menu. (R) **8.10** Great British Menu. (R) **9.10** Great British Menu. (R) **9.40** The Sky at Night. (R) **10.00** A History of Britain by Simon Schama. (R) **11.00** Meet the Ancestors. (R) **11.30** Map Man. (R) **12.00** Indian Food Made Easy. (R) **12.30** Mastermind. (R) **1.00** University Challenge. (R) **1.30** Film: The Taming of the Shrew. (1967) **3.30** The Mary Berry Story. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Ice Age Art: A Culture Show Special.  
**6.30** **Dad's Army.** Jones's van runs out of petrol and the platoon is forced to spend the night in a spooky deserted house, where the men's imaginations soon run wild. (R)  
**7.00** **Top Gear.** Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May pilot three front-engined supercars on a road trip from Las Vegas to Palm Springs via Los Angeles. (R)  
**8.00** **Giant Otters of the Amazon: Natural World.** Cameraman Charlie Hamilton James heads to the Peruvian jungle to chart the dangerous life of a giant otter and its unruly family of six cubs.  
**9.00** **Howard Goodall's Story of Music.** The composer examines the period between 1750 and 1850, which was the era of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Schumann and Chopin.  
**10.00** **Dancing on the Edge.** Drama, by Stephen Poliakoff.  
**11.35** **Film: Milk.** (2008) Biopic of US politician Harvey Milk, starring Sean Penn.  
**1.35** Close.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Handy Manny. **6.10** Handy Manny. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.15** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.30** Victorious. (R) **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **12.15** ITV News; Weather. **12.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.20** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **2.25** Dinner Date. (R) **3.25** Film: The Secret of My Success. (1987) **5.30** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.40** ITV News; Weather.  
**6.00** **Film: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang.** (2010) Premiere. A woman struggling to look after her children and the family farm receives a helping hand from the magical nanny. Fantasy comedy, with Emma Thompson.  
**8.05** **Take Me Out.** A line-dancing instructor, a footballer, a student and a motorsport events manager enter the love lift in the hope of impressing 30 single women.  
**9.20** **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host chats to John C. Reilly, who provides the voice of the title character in Disney's Wreck-It Ralph, and Hayley Atwell, star of Captain America. With music by pop duo Hurts.  
**10.20** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**10.35** **Film: Knocked Out.** (2007) Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen.  
**12.50** Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships. **8.00** The Morning Line. **8.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.55** Frasier. (R) **10.25** Frasier. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** Secret Millionaire Ireland. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R)  
**6.00** **Come Dine with Me.** Caroline Wardrope hosts the final dinner party in Glasgow. (R)  
**6.25** **Channel 4 News.**  
**6.50** **Thoughtful.** Northern Ireland's Union Flag dispute and the questions it raises about the religious divide in the public's eyes.  
**6.55** **Film: Crocodile Dundee II.** (1988) The Australian adventurer lures the drug dealers who kidnapped his girlfriend to the Outback for a showdown. Comedy adventure sequel, starring Paul Hogan and Linda Kozlowski.  
**9.00** **World Without End.** Merthin returns from Italy and urges Caris to elope with him, but she refuses, while Kingsbridge is hit by the Plague that had been sweeping through Europe.  
**10.05** **Film: Kiss the Girls.** (1997) Thriller, starring Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd, Cary Elwes and Tony Goldwyn.  
**12.20** **Film: Porky's** (1982) Sex comedy, starring Kim Cattrall. **2.05** The Confession. (R) **2.10** Hollyoaks. **4.15** Smallville. (R) **4.55** Countdown. (R) **5.40** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.05** How Do They Do It? (R) **11.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.40** Dangerous Drivers' School. (R) **1.40** Film: Stranger with My Face. (2009) **3.25** Film: My Neighbor's Secret. (2009) **5.10** Film: Two Mules for Sister Sara. (1970)  
**7.20** **5 News Weekend.**  
**7.25** **NCIS.** Having identified the mole in their ranks, the detectives are forced to rely on information from questionable sources as they try to prevent a criminal stealing government secrets. (R)  
**8.10** **NCIS.** A petty officer is killed in what at first seems to be a road-rage incident - until the team discovers he belonged to an underground fight club. Crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)  
**9.00** **Law & Order.** Green and Cassidy investigate the murder of a woman after callers to the emergency services report seeing a photograph of her body on the internet. (R)  
**10.00** **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** An ex-financier's girlfriend is murdered.  
**10.55** **Law & Order: Criminal Intent.** Part two of two. Goren's actions get him suspended.  
**11.50** **Inside Hollywood 2013.** **12.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Merlin **7.45** Doctor Who. Part two of two. A doppelganger seeks revenge against her makers. **8.35** Film: Superman Returns (2006)  
**11.00** Family Guy **11.40** American Dad!  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Lost Land of the Volcano **8.00** The Treasures of Ancient Rome  
**9.00** Spiral: State of Terror **10.45** When Albans Ruled the World  
**ITV2**  
**2.15** Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) **4.15** You've Been Framed! **5.55** You've Been Framed! Calendar Special **7.00** Film: Back to the Future Part III (1990) **9.20** Take Me Out - The Gossip **10.05** Fake Reaction **10.50** Film: Sleepy Hollow (1999)  
**ITV3**  
**2.50** A Touch of Frost **5.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Film: Schindler's List (1993)  
**ITV4**  
**2.55** Film: Northwest Mounted Police (1940) **5.30** Live Africa Cup of Nations. The third-place play-off (Kick-off 6.00pm). **8.15** IT Legends **8.45** GT Academy **9.15** Film: Mercury Rising (1998) **11.30** Film: Firefox (1982)  
**E4**  
**3.35** Rules of Engagement **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00** Film: The Full Monty (1997) **10.45** The Big Bang Theory **11.45** The Cleveland Show  
**Film4**  
**2.40** It's a Wonderful Life (1946) **5.15** Carry On Regardless (1961) **7.00** The First Wives Club (1996) **9.00** Predators (2010) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Adrien Brody. **11.10** Jennifer's Body (2009)

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## CHOICE



Stephen Fry

## The British Academy Film Awards

**BBC1, 9pm**  
The Oscars may be more in-your-face, but when it comes to understated glamour with a classy edge, the British Academy Film Awards – or Baftas, to you and me – win hands down. Stephen Fry hosts this year's event from London's Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. The only man who knows for sure that he'll be adding one of the trophies to his mantelpiece is Alan Parker. The director is the latest film-maker to be awarded a Bafta fellowship. As for the rest of the evening's awards, Lincoln leads the way with 10 nominations.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.25** Countryfile. (R) **1.25** Call the Midwife. (R) **2.25** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. **5.00** Africa. The challenges faced by the continent's wildlife. Last in the series. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **6.30** Blandings. It is the annual castle fete, and as usual Connie forces Clarence to wear a top hat and make a speech, a double ordeal he hopes to dodge after befriending a pair of crafty children. **7.00** Countryfile. Matt Baker explores Cornwall's northern coast to find out about its mythological past. Plus, a farm with a holistic approach to agriculture and tidal power on the Orkney Islands. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.00** Call the Midwife. Jenny and Sister Evangelina assist at the birth of a baby with spina bifida, while Nonnatus House plays host to an eccentric cleric friend of Chummy. **The British Academy Film Awards.** Stephen Fry hosts the annual ceremony live from the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, where Lincoln, Les Misérables, Skyfall, Argo and Anna Karenina lead the nominees. **11.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **11.25** Room 101 – Extra Storage. With Clive Anderson, Alex Jones and Jack Whitehall. **12.05** Celebrity Apprentice USA. **1.25** Weatherview. **1.30** News.

## BBC2

**6.00** Close. **7.15** Film: Rachel and the Stranger. (1948) **8.45** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **9.15** A to Z of TV Gardening. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) **12.00** EastEnders. (R) **1.55** Flog It! (R) **2.40** Giant Otters of the Amazon: Natural World. (R) **3.40** The Mary Berry Story. (R) **4.40** Songs of Praise. **5.15** In Orbit: How Satellites Rule Our World. (R) **6.15** Ski Sunday. The men's World Championship downhill from Schladming in Austria. **7.00** Food & Drink. Culinary advice and discussion, hosted by Michel Roux Jr. (R) **7.30** Open All Hours. Arkwright feels neglected by Nurse Gladys Emmanuel, and decides to elicit her undivided attention by feigning illness. Comedy, starring Ronnie Barker and Lynda Baron. (R) **8.00** Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson races a Shelby Mustang GT500 against James May and Richard Hammond, who take the pan-European rail network, in a sprint from London to Milan. **9.00** Wonders of Life. Professor Brian Cox travels to southern Africa to explore why Earth is such a fertile place and how it sustains such a large diversity of life forms. **10.00** Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester United v Everton. **11.00** Dancing on the Edge. (R) **12.05** Six Nations Rugby Union. **12.50** Sign Zone: Being Eileen. (R) **1.20** Holly City. (R) **2.20** Close.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Handy Manny. **6.10** Handy Manny. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Dino Dan. (R) **7.05** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.15** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.30** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Rated A for Awesome. **8.15** Rated A for Awesome. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** The Aquabats Super Show. **9.25** House Guest in the Sun. (R) **10.20** 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **11.20** May the Best House Win Vive la France. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.25** Rosemary & Thyme. (R) **3.00** Film: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. (2002) **5.50** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.00** ITV News; Weather. **6.15** Dancing on Ice. A romantic love-themed show. **7.45** All Star Family Fortunes. Diarmuid Gavin and Gemma Merna take part. **8.30** Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley preside as the two couples who have the least support skate again in a bid to stay in the competition. **9.00** Mr Selfridge. Harry is left unconscious after the car accident and as his family gathers by his bedside, the news arrives that Mrs Grove is dead – something which leaves Miss Mardie confused. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.15** Film: Duplicité. (2009) Thriller, starring Julia Roberts, Clive Owen, Tom Wilkinson and Paul Giamatti. **12.30** Premiership Rugby Union. **1.25** The Store. **2.55** Monk. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Will & Grace. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** Film: Star Trek III: The Search for Spock. (1984) **4.25** Time Team. **5.25** Deal or No Deal. **6.25** Channel 4 News. **6.55** 4thought.tv. Northern Ireland's Union Flag dispute. **7.00** The Political Slot. Behind the scenes of Nick Clegg's new radio phone-in show. **7.05** Come Dine with Me. A week of dinner parties in Bristol, featuring a revealing outfit, a personal homage to the work of PJ and Duncan and a best of British theme. **8.00** The Hotel. Mark decides to sell the Grosvenor, but dreads telling the staff and turns to his adviser for support, while the Joneses from Leeds settle in to their first-ever stay in a hotel. **9.00** Film: Die Hard 4.0. (2007) Tough cop John McClane goes on the trail of a criminal mastermind plotting a technological terror attack on America. Action thriller sequel, with Bruce Willis and Timothy Olyphant. **11.35** Film: Changing Lanes. (2002) Revenge thriller, starring Samuel L. Jackson. **1.15** Film: The Last Mitterrand. (2005) Semi-fictional biopic, starring Michel Bouquet. **3.15** Coming Up. (R) **3.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.45** Olive the Ostrich. (R) **6.50** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Animal Antics. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Mio Mao. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. **10.30** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Inside Hollywood. **11.20** Once Upon a Time. (R) **12.10** Winter Road Rescue. (R) **1.15** Film: The Witches. (1990) **3.05** Film: While You Were Sleeping. (1995) **5.05** Film: The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep. (2007) **7.15** Inside the Titanic. The story of the 1912 disaster from the point of view of those below decks. (R) **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Person of Interest. An unemployed man appears to be planning to kill a congressman. **11.10** Film: Piranha. (2010) Premiere. Horror remake, starring Elisabeth Shue. **11.50** Film: Red Water. (2003) Horror, starring Lou Diamond Phillips. **1.35** SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave. **7.30** The British Film Academy Awards 2013: Red Carpet Show. **8.00** Film: National Treasure (2004) **10.00** Being Human. **11.00** People Like Us  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Heligan: Secrets of the Lost Garden. **8.00** Harlots, Housewives & Heroines: A 17th Century History for Girls. **9.00** Queen: Days of Our Lives. **11.00** Frankie Howard: Rather You Than Me  
**ITV2**  
**3.45** Take Me Out. **5.00** Take Me Out – The Gossip. **5.50** Film: Kindergarten Cop (1990) **8.00** You've Been Framed! **9.00** The Magical Weekender. **10.00** Film: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008)  
**ITV3**  
**3.25** Agatha Christie's Marple. **5.20** Murder, She Wrote. **6.25** Film: Vertigo (1958) **9.00** Film: The Birds (1963) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Tippi Hedren. **11.30** Film: A Perfect Murder (1998)  
**ITV4**  
**3.40** Film: Aces High (1976) **6.00** Live Africa Cup of Nations. The final (Kick-off 6.00pm). **9.00** Premiership Rugby Union. **10.00** Film: The Silence of the Lambs (1991)  
**E4**  
**5.00** Revenge. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **7.00** New Girl. **8.00** Film: Home Alone (1990) **10.00** What Happens in Kavos. **11.00** My Mad Fat Diary  
**Film4**  
**2.55** Big Momma's House 2 (2006) **4.50** P'Tang Yang Kipperbang (1982) **6.40** Chocolat (2000) **9.00** The General's Daughter (1999) Murder mystery thriller, starring John Travolta. **11.20** A Life Less Ordinary (1997)

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## Film Choices

### MONDAY

**Thirteen Days, BBC1, 12.20am**

Fact-based drama covering the events of the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, when the US and Soviet Union confronted each other with nuclear arsenals primed. An American spy plane observes the Russians installing ballistic missiles in Cuba – and over the next 13 days mind games are played out in Washington amid unbearable tension, as President Kennedy comes into conflict with the warmongering military. Starring Kevin Costner, Bruce Greenwood and Steven Culp. (2000)

### TUESDAY

**The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, BBC1, 11.25pm**

A doctor is caught molesting a patient and commits suicide, after which his wife has a miscarriage. She blames his victim for her losses and plans to get revenge, infiltrating the unsuspecting woman's house as a nanny and playing twisted mind games to destroy her life. Thriller, starring Rebecca De Mornay, Annabella Sciorra, Julianne Moore and Ernie Hudson. (1992)



**City by the Sea, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.35pm**

### WEDNESDAY

**City by the Sea, BBC1, 11.35pm**

A respected New York homicide detective is torn between family ties and official duty when the murder of a drug dealer is blamed on his estranged son. Struggling to come to terms with his offspring's troubled past, he also faces another battle to prevent his grandson following in his father's footsteps and choosing a life of crime. Drama, with Robert De Niro, Frances McDormand, James Franco and Eliza Dushku. (2002)

### THURSDAY

**The Matrix Revolutions, Channel 5, 10pm**

As the survivors of the human race make their last stand against the machines, freedom fighters Neo and Trinity undertake a desperate journey into the heart of the enemy stronghold seeking a way to end the war, while the rogue computer programme Smith sets about remaking the virtual world of the Matrix in his own image. Conclusion of the sci-fi trilogy, starring Keanu Reeves, Carrie-Anne Moss, Laurence Fishburne and Hugo Weaving. (2003)

### FRIDAY

**The Last Boy Scout, ITV, 10.35pm**

A private eye half-heartedly takes a job as bodyguard to a nightclub dancer. A shocking attack, however, forces him to take his duties more seriously, and before long he uncovers evidence of murder and corruption – all linked to the world of American football. Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis, Damon Wayans, Chelsea Field, Halle Berry and Noble Willingham. (1991)

## Pick of the Week

# Celebrating the best of the big-screen offerings

**T**he Oscars may be more in-your-face, but when it comes to understated glamour with a classy edge, the British Academy Film Awards – or Baftas, to you and us – win hands down.

We're now well into the awards season, with the National Television, Golden Globes and Screen Actors having already happened; the aforementioned Oscars are just around the corner too.

But for now, it's London's Royal Opera House in Covent Garden that grabs our attention. That's where Stephen Fry will be hosting the 66th Bafta ceremony from, surrounded by A-listers from across the globe who gaze at him in awe while wondering if they will be taking home one of the coveted Bafta masks.

"Hard as it may be for some characteristically sceptical Britons to believe, the Baftas have real kudos, reputation and cachet all over the world of film-making," says Fry. "I, old as I am, never cease to be shamelessly glorified by the sight of so many legendary names who come every year as nominees and presenters."

The only man who knows for sure that he'll be adding one of the famous trophies to his mantelpiece is Alan Parker. The advertising copywriter-turned-Oscar-nominated director has a string of big-screen successes under his belt, including *Midnight Express*, *Fame*, *Mississippi Burning*, *Bugsy Malone* and *Evita* – he's also the latest film-maker to be awarded a Bafta fellowship, following in the footsteps of the likes of Alfred Hitchcock, Steven Spielberg and last year's recipient, Martin Scorsese.

John Willis, chairman of the Academy, says: "Sir Alan Parker is a hugely distinctive film-maker, and a man of uncompromising vision and personality. He has made an immense contribution to the British film industry, receiving a wide range of critical and public acclaim for his writing, producing and directing across almost 40 years of film-making."

"It's almost impossible to highlight any one moment of his career, but the incredible 19 Baftas his films have won indicate the esteem in which he is held by his peers, as well as the outstanding nature of his work."

"I'm delighted that the Academy has taken this opportunity to recognise Sir Alan with the Fellowship this year."

As for the man himself: "When you make your first film, you're sure it will be your last. And then you squeeze your eyes together and suddenly, 40 years later, you're at Bafta getting an award like this. I'm of course enormously flattered and honoured."

As for the rest of the evening's awards, Lincoln leads the way with 10 nominations, followed by *Les Misérables* and *Life of Pi* with nine.

In any other year, Hugh Jackman would be a shoe-in for Best Actor for *Les Mis*, but it would be a surprise if Daniel Day-Lewis didn't beat him to it for his extraordinary turn in Spielberg's biopic of the 14th US president.

Best Actress is far more open, with Jennifer Lawrence (*Silver Linings Playbook*), Emmanuelle Riva (*Amour*) and Jessica Chastain (*Zero Dark Thirty*) all in with a good chance.

Don't bet against the likes of Skyfall (eight nods), *Argo* (seven) or Anna Karenina (six) doing well either. It should be an interesting night.



**Stephen Fry hosts The British Academy Film Awards, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm**

## Best of the Rest

### MONDAY

**Food & Drink**

**BBC2, 8.30pm**

Recently we found out how Mary Berry went from being a slightly posh, polio-stricken Bath schoolgirl to much-loved culinary queen in the two-part documentary *The Mary Berry Story*. Here she's back doing what she does best – demonstrating how to prepare something simply, but well. Mary will be helping presenters Michel Roux and Kate Goodman create the perfect afternoon tea. Food writer William Sitwell is also on hand, making the claim that sliced white bread is the best thing since, well, sliced white bread, and Rachel Khoo, of *The Little Paris Kitchen* fame, is in the French capital to explain why traditional pâtisseries are so special.

### Black Mirror

**Channel 4, 10pm**

Series one of Charlie Brooker's *Twilight Zone*-style strand aired in 2011, and won the Best TV movie/mini-series award at the International Emmys, and a Golden Rose for Best Comedy at the Rose d'Or Television Festival. Season two also looks like must-see TV. The opener centres on young couple Martha (Hayley Atwell) and Ash (Domhnall Gleeson), who move to a remote cottage. He's obsessed with social media, so when Ash tragically dies, a new service capable of using his digital footprint as a basis for further communication gives Martha a chance to continue their relationship. However, problems arise when Ash is recreated in physical form.

### TUESDAY

**Alex Polizzi: The Fixer**

**BBC2, 8pm**

As a member of the renowned Forte dynasty, Alex Polizzi knows a thing or two about what it takes to keep a family business going, and she's ready to pass on that hard-won wisdom in the second series of *The Fixer*. Over the next few weeks, she'll be turning her expert eye on everything from a beauty salon in Essex to an undertakers in Hampshire, but she starts with East London interiors shop Alf Onnie's, which specialises in fabrics and curtains. The business was established by the siblings' grandfather in the 1920s, but has recently been struggling as the recession and the housing-slump have taken their toll. However, Alex believes the shop's woes can't all be blamed on the economic climate...

### Dallas

**Channel 5, 9pm**

Could foul play be involved in Tommy's disappearance? Christopher (Jesse Metcalfe) thinks so and is desperate to connect Pamela (Julie Gonzalo) to the crime, while she is doing her best to gain control of Ewing Energies. Meanwhile, JR (Larry Hagman) and John Ross (Josh Henderson) will do anything to reclaim their birthright, even if it means turning one family member against another. When a new member of the family turns up at Southfork, Ryland's sadistic games push Ann to the brink.

### WEDNESDAY

**From the Heart**

**ITV, 9pm**

Strip away all the hullabaloo of Valentine's Day, and the leading lights at ITV are keen to get us thinking about something much more important this week – the benefits of organ donation. Dermot O'Leary hosts this one-off special raising awareness of the NHS Organ Donor Register, and he's roped in a few familiar faces to help him. So step forward Rowan Atkinson, Hugh Laurie, Pixie Lott, Harry Enfield, Paul Whitehouse and some of the cast from *Outnumbered* with comedy and musical offerings. Plus, Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues orchestra, McFly and Alexandra Burke perform.

### THURSDAY

**EastEnders**

**BBC1, 7.30pm**

It's Valentine's Day, and Walford's cutest couple, Abi and Jay, decide to mark the occasion by taking their relationship to the next level. However, the chances of anyone else enjoying a nice, romantic evening are looking pretty slim. Bianca certainly has bigger things than love on her mind as she frogmarches Liam to school, telling him that until he stops playing truant, it's grounded. If that wasn't stressful

enough, she then discovers that the reason the stock she and Kat have been selling on their stall is so cheap is because it's stolen.

### Hugh's Fish Fight

**Channel 4, 9pm**

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall is back for a new series, but what's that got to do with the price of fish? Well, firstly enough, quite a bit actually, and a lot more besides. The chef's made no secret of the fact he wants to do his bit to save our seas, but now his plan is stepping up a gear. With two thirds of the planet's fish stocks overfished, and a fifth of the world's stocks collapsing all together, Hugh wants to persuade governments around the world to set up more marine protected areas. In this first instalment, Hugh heads to the Philippines and investigates how local fishermen dynamite fish, a practice that is destroying fish stocks.

### FRIDAY

**Sea City**

**BBC2, 8.30pm**

We are an island nation and as such have relied upon the sea for sustenance and transport since time immemorial. These days, our shipbuilding and fishing industries may have declined substantially, but there are still a good many people who make a living on or by the ocean's waves. In this new series, somewhat unexpectedly voiced by John 'Nasty Nick' Altman, we're given a glimpse into the lives of the men and women of Southampton Port – the people who really are keeping Britain afloat, by dealing with over a million cruise passengers and 40 million tons of cargo annually.

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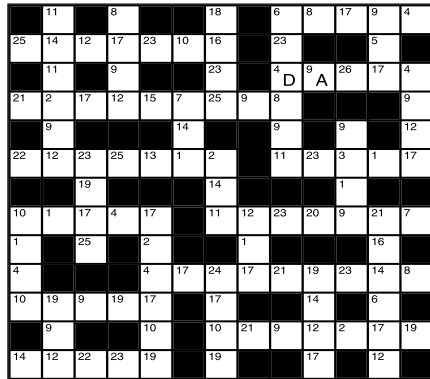
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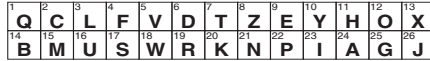
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## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

- Agreement prepared for conveyance, we hear (4)
- Sidesman? (8)
- A complete defeat for the rabble (4)
- Taking part in industrial unrest is attractive (8)
- Frustrated - having been relieved of office? (12)
- Trim the conifer (6)
- Some of the doctor-rum-punch put back to cause fatal results (6)
- Would their activities end with a mating-call? (5-7)
- Deliberate destruction of red coins (8)
- Convivial association for the driver (4)
- Opposed changing into a dress-tie (8)
- What artists do to create an attraction (4)

## Quick Clues:

## Across

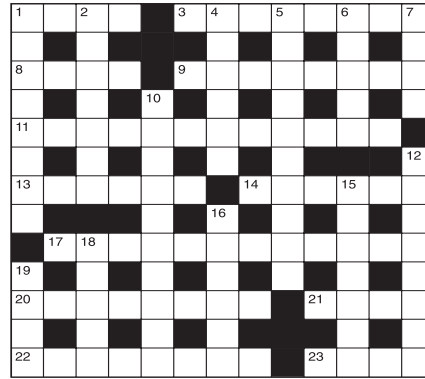
- Helps (4)
- Scatter (8)
- Sort (4)
- Beginning (8)
- Orders (12)
- Essence (6)
- Eraser (6)
- Sweat (12)
- Dexterously (8)
- Irritation (4)
- Pleases (8)
- Minus (4)

## Down

- A delightful place to be in a public promenade (8)
- The kind of weight for one that sails into the light! (7)
- Gesture that produces court proceedings (6)
- Describing the sort of figure that is eternally intriguing? (10)
- Something that sticks in the back (5)
- Not far from endless darkness (4)
- Unearthly clothing to fit in the gaps (5-5)
- Weapon to reach the other side of the arch (8)
- He stays permanently healthy in revolutionary uprising (7)
- A field of activity for a planet (6)
- Among the smooth and silvery palms (5)
- Mark shows unending alarm (4)

## Down

- Achieved (8)
- Lay down (7)
- Whole (6)
- Special (10)
- Rule (5)
- Brink (4)
- Objecting (10)
- Ditches (8)
- Fragile (7)
- Requisitioned quarters (6)
- Incorporate as member (5)
- Attack (4)



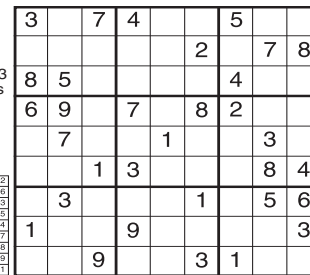
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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Disarmament; 9 Overtax; 10 Nerve; 11 Keels; 12 Moorish; 13 Temper; 15 Badger; 18 Rancher; 20 Senna; 22 Light; 23 Heated; 24 Uselessness. Down: 2 Irene; 3 Artist; 4 Maxims; 5 Mango; 6 Nursing; 7 Works to rule; 8 Netherlands; 14 Manages; 16 Abstain; 17 Arches; 19 Hotel; 21 Notes. QUICK - Across: 1 Accountancy; 9 Boredom; 10 Drier; 11 Thorn; 12 Extreme; 13 Untold; 15 Estate; 18 Tractor; 20 August; 22 Venue; 23 Finesse; 24 Brotherhood. Down: 2 Cargo; 3 Ordinal; 4 Number; 5 Audit; 6 Chimera; 7 Obstructive; 8 Free-hearted; 14 Trainer; 16 Staunch; 17 Trifle; 19 Treat; 21 Gesso.

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;



## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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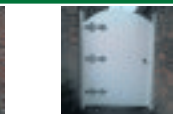
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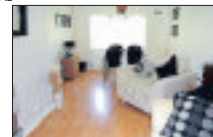
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| <b>Lot 9</b> 6 Manningford Road, Maypole, West Midlands  | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 48</b> 49 Mission Drive, Tipton  | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 93</b> 32 Brackleys Way, Solihull, West Midlands                      | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
| <b>Lot 10</b> Hurstway Former Carehome, 142 The Hurstway, Erdington, Birmingham  | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 49</b> 2 Glenholme Road, Erdington, Birmingham                                     | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 94</b> 17-19 Walsall Road, Cannock                                    | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>      |
| <b>Lot 11</b> 34 Pedmore Walk, Oldbury, West Midlands  | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 50</b> Land at Alexandra Street & 33 Edward Street, Dudley                         | <b>Land</b>                   | <b>Lot 95</b> 32 Newbolt Road, Bilston                                       | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
| <b>Lot 12</b> Freedom Hall, Jervoise Street, West Bromwich   | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 51</b> 24 Hart Road, Wednesfield   | <b>Residential Investment</b> | <b>Lot 96</b> Land Adj. The Coppice, Newport Road, Codsall                   | <b>Land</b>                   |
| <b>Lot 13</b> Uplands Cemetery Lodge, Manor Road, Smethwick, West Midlands   | <b>Residential Vacant</b>    | <b>Lot 52</b> The Queens Head, Sugar Brook Lane, Stoke Pound                              | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>      | <b>Lot 97</b> Land 241 Portway Hill, Rowley Regis                            | <b>Land</b>                   |
| <b>Lot 14</b> Land at Rabone Lane, Smethwick, West Midlands  | <b>Land</b>                  | <b>Lot 53</b> Bromsgrove, Worcestershire  | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>      | <b>Lot 98</b> Strategic Land off Kenford Road, Rowley Regis                  | <b>Land</b>                   |
| <b>Lot 15</b> Land at Corner of Hargate Lane & Gladstone Street, West Bromwich   | <b>Land</b>                  | <b>Lot 54</b> 28 Middleton Road, Kidderminster  | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 99</b> Land R/o 4-24 Upper Ettingshall Road, Coseley                  | <b>Land</b>                   |
| <b>Lot 16</b> Land Adjoining 102 Hargate Lane, West Bromwich   | <b>Land</b>                  | <b>Lot 55</b> 126 Chipperfield Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham Ground                   | <b>Rent</b>                   | <b>Lot 100</b> 112 Albert Road, Stechford, Birmingham                        | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
| <b>Lot 17</b> The Greyhound, 20 Bargates, Whitchurch, Shropshire   | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 56</b> 56 Woodfield Crescent, Sparkbrook, Birmingham Ground                        | <b>Rent</b>                   | <b>Lot 101</b> 5 Oak Drive, Willenhall                                       | <b>Residential Investment</b> |
| <b>Lot 17a</b> The Hollybush, Main Street, Netherseal, Swadincote, Derbyshire  | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 57</b> 151 Turpits Lane, Erdington, Birmingham Ground                              | <b>Rent</b>                   | <b>Lot 102</b> 24 Winchester Street, Wednesfield                             | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
| <b>Lot 17b</b> The Railway Inn, Peasehill Road, Ripley, Derbyshire   | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 58</b> 458 College Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham Commercial Ground                | <b>Rent</b>                   | <b>Lot 103</b> 24 Miller Crescent, Bilston                                   | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
| <b>Lot 18</b> The Royal Oak, Cotmanhay Road, Cotmanhay, Ilkeston, Derbyshire   | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 59</b> 460 College Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham Commercial Ground                | <b>Rent</b>                   | <b>Lot 104</b> 75 Station Street East, Coventry                              | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>      |
| <b>Lot 18a</b> The Bulls Head, St. Johns Street, Netherthorpe, Dudley  | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 60</b> 466 College Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham Commercial Ground                | <b>Rent</b>                   | <b>Lot 105</b> 18 Windsor Road, Parkfields, Wolverhampton                    | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
| <b>Lot 18b</b> The Brewery Tap, 50 Lowesmoor, Worcester  | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 61</b> Garages 13, 14 & 15 William Court, 70-72 Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 106</b> 27 Hall Lane, Coseley   | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
| <b>Lot 18c</b> The Alma, George Street, Newcastle under Lyme   | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 62</b> Land Corner of Hospital Lane & Masons Street, Coseley                       | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 107</b> Barford Road Members Club, Barford Road, Ladywood, Birmingham | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>      |
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| <b>Lot 22</b> 20 Broadmeadow Green, Wolverhampton  | <b>Residential Vacant</b>    | <b>Lot 66</b> The Former GWRSA Club, Tolladine Road, Worcester                            | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>      | <b>Lot 111</b> 100 Upper Meadow Road, Quinton, West Midlands                 | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
| <b>Lot 23</b> Land off Henwood Lane, Catherine de Barnes   | <b>Land</b>                  | <b>Lot 67</b> 2-4 Marlborough Street, Kidderminster                                       | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>      | <b>Lot 112</b> 53 Wensleydale Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham                   | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
| <b>Lot 24</b> 240-242 Slade Road, Erdington, Birmingham  | <b>Commercial Investment</b> | <b>Lot 68</b> 169 Green Lavins, Tipton  | <b>Residential Investment</b> | <b>Lot 113</b> 55 Albert Road, Wolverhampton                                 | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
| <b>Lot 25</b> 244 Slade Road, Erdington, Birmingham  | <b>Commercial Investment</b> | <b>Lot 69</b> Jubilee House, Boatmans Lane, Brownhills                                    | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>      | <b>Lot 114</b> 20 Station Street, Tipton                                     | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
| <b>Lot 26</b> 72 Ashley Street, Bilston  | <b>Residential Vacant</b>    | <b>Lot 70</b> Land off Hospital Lane & Masons Street, Coseley                             | <b>Land</b>                   | <b>Lot 115</b> 18 Glaisdale Gardens, Wolverhampton                           | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
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| <b>Lot 30</b> The Country Girl, Sharpway Gate, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire   | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>     | <b>Lot 74</b> The Former GWRSA Club, Tolladine Road, Worcester                            | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>      | <b>Lot 119</b> 464 Perry Park Road, Rowley Regis                             | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
| <b>Lot 31</b> Land R/o 144/146 Alcester Road & Adj. R/o Woodbridge Road & Freehold Ground Rent of 144 & 146 Alcester Road & 4 Woodbridge Road, Moseley, Birmingham | <b>Land/Ground Rent</b>      | <b>Lot 75</b> Land Adj. 20 Cheltenham Grove, Newcastle under Lyme                         | <b>Land</b>                   | <b>Lot 120</b> 70 Crawford Street, Salfley, Birmingham                       | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
| <b>Lot 32</b> 11 Barnett Road, Willenhall  | <b>Residential Vacant</b>    | <b>Lot 76</b> 27 Harcourt Road, Kibworth, Leicester                                       | <b>Residential Investment</b> | <b>Lot 121</b> 110 Delf Road, Brierley Hill                                  | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
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| <b>Lot 34</b> 80 Pikehelve Street, West Bromwich   | <b>Residential Vacant</b>    | <b>Lot 78</b> The Lodge, Trinity Street, Leamington Spa                                   | <b>Commercial Vacant</b>      | <b>Lot 123</b> 29 Gracemere Crescent, Hall Green, Birmingham                 | <b>Residential Vacant</b>     |
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| <br><b>LET AGREED</b><br><b>SPROAT AVENUE, DARLASTON</b><br>Well Presented Three Bed Semi, Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Ground Floor Family Bathroom With Separate Shower Cubicle, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Front And Rear Gardens.<br><b>£500 PCM</b>  | <br><b>TO LET</b><br><b>YALE ROAD, WILLENHALL</b><br>Well Presented Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment Comprising Of Secured Communal Entrance, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen With Appliances, Fitted Bathroom/C/Heating And D/Glazing, Great Transport Links.<br><b>£495 PCM</b>                               | <br><b>TO LET</b><br><b>TYLER ROAD, WILLENHALL</b><br>Three Bed End Town House Comprising Of Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Family Bathroom, Majority Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating, Fully Enclosed Rear Garden And Off Road Parking.<br><b>£495 PCM</b>  | <br><b>TO LET</b><br><b>STROUD AVENUE, WILLENHALL</b><br>Two Bed Semi Detached Bungalow Comprising Of Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen With Appliances, Family Shower Room, Double, Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Garage, Front And Rear Gardens.<br><b>£495 PCM</b>  | <br><b>TO LET</b><br><b>BLOXWICH ROAD SOUTH, W'HALL</b><br>Well Presented First Floor Flat Comprising Of Spacious Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing And Electric Heating.<br><b>£450 PCM</b>  | <br><b>LET AGREED</b><br><b>FROBISHER CL, GREAT WYRLEY</b><br>Three Bedroom End Town House Comprising Of Kitchen/Diner, Lounge, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Part Gas Central Heating, Front And Rear Gardens.<br><b>£450 PCM</b>  | <br><b>TO LET</b><br><b>TENNYSON RD, SHORT HEATH</b><br>Two Bed Second Floor Flat Having Communal Entrance, Hallway, Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating & Off Road Parking Area.<br><b>£425 PCM</b>  | <br><b>LET AGREED</b><br><b>WILLENHALL ROAD, PORTOBELLO</b><br>Spacious Two Bedroom Second Floor Flat Comprising Of Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, Part Electric Heating, Off Road Parking And Communal Gardens With Allocated Brick Built Storage Shed, Must View.<br><b>£400 PCM</b> |

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| <b>NEW</b> £825 pcm<br><br><b>Broadway</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A 4bed semi detached property</li> <li>● 3 Spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen/ diner with cooker</li> <li>● Large family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating and Double glazing</li> <li>● Enclosed rear garden and Driveway</li> </ul>                            | <b>NEW</b> £650 pcm<br><br><b>Launceston Close</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A splendid 3bed detached property</li> <li>● A spacious lounge with feature fire place</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Upstairs family bathroom with bath and shower</li> <li>● Gas central heating and Double glazing</li> <li>● Integral garage and a fully enclosed rear garden</li> </ul> | <b>NEW</b> £650 pcm<br><br><b>The Crescent</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A superb 4bed semi detached property</li> <li>● 2 Spacious laminated reception rooms</li> <li>● Traditional kitchen with cooker, rear utility room</li> <li>● Upstairs family bathroom with shower and bath</li> <li>● Gas central heating and Double glazing</li> <li>● Good size fully enclosed rear garden, driveway</li> </ul> | <b>NEW</b> £550 pcm<br><br><b>Walhouse Road</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A traditional 3bed semi detached property</li> <li>● 2 Spacious laminated reception rooms</li> <li>● A pleasant modern fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Upstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating and Double glazing</li> <li>● Dss accepted, Rear garden and Driveway</li> </ul> | <b>NEW</b> £495 pcm<br><br><b>Reeves Street</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A superb 3bed newly decorated property</li> <li>● A good size reception room</li> <li>● A splendid modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● A pleasant upstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating and Double glazing</li> <li>● Dss accepted, Driveway and Rear garden</li> </ul> | <b>NEW</b> £495 pcm<br><br><b>Fountains Road</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A refurbished 3bed mid terrace property</li> <li>● 1 Spacious reception room</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Upstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating and Double glazing</li> <li>● Dss accepted and Utility room</li> </ul>                          |
| <b>NEW</b> £450 pcm<br><br><b>Glastonbury Crescent</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A pleasant 2bed end terrace property</li> <li>● 2 Spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● A fitted kitchen with new cooker</li> <li>● A good size upstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating and Double glazing</li> <li>● Dss accepted, fore and rear garden</li> </ul> | <b>NEW</b> £400 pcm<br><br><b>Prince street</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● An excellent 3bed mid terrace property</li> <li>● 2 Spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● A superb kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● A new downstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating and double glazing</li> <li>● Dss Accepted, Guest WC</li> </ul>  | <b>NEW</b> £325 pcm<br><br><b>Ablewell Street, Walsall</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A 2nd floor apartment</li> <li>● 1/2 bedrooms divided by opening doors</li> <li>● A spacious lounge</li> <li>● Pleasant family bathroom</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Single glazed and gas central heating</li> </ul>   | <b>NEW</b> £675 pcm<br><br><b>Mellish Park</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A luxury 2 bed ground floor apartment</li> <li>● Open planned lounge/kitchen</li> <li>● Modern kitchen with integral appliances</li> <li>● Designer bathroom and en-suite</li> <li>● Double Glazing throughout</li> <li>● Allocated secure parking</li> </ul>                             | <b>NEW</b> £675cm<br><br><b>Mellish Park, Walsall</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A luxury 2 bed 2nd floor apartment</li> <li>● Open planned lounge/kitchen area</li> <li>● Modern kitchen with appliances</li> <li>● Superb family bathroom with shower</li> <li>● Master en suite</li> <li>● Double Glazing and secure Parking</li> </ul>                                    | <b>NEW</b> £650 pcm<br><br><b>Woodside Road</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A superb 3bed detached property</li> <li>● 2 Spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Fitted kitchen with gas cooker</li> <li>● Upstairs family bathroom and downstairs WC</li> <li>● Gas central heating and Double glazing</li> <li>● Fully enclosed rear garden, viewing recommended</li> </ul> |
| <b>NEW</b> £600 pcm<br><br><b>Tasker Street, Walsall</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A 5 double bedroom terraced property</li> <li>● Consists of 2 large reception rooms</li> <li>● Fitted kitchen with units</li> <li>● Downstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating and double glazing</li> <li>● DSS accepted and a large rear garden</li> </ul>     | <b>NEW</b> £495 pcm<br><br><b>Wenlock Gardens</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A 3bed semi detached property</li> <li>● 1 Spacious reception room</li> <li>● A good size modern fitted kitchen</li> <li>● A pleasant upstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating throughout</li> <li>● Dss accepted with a guarantor</li> </ul>   | <b>NEW</b> £500 pcm<br><br><b>Addenbrooke Street, Walsall</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A spacious 3 bed end terrace property</li> <li>● 2 spacious reception rooms front and rear</li> <li>● Large modern fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Downstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating and double glazing</li> <li>● Dss accepted and Refurbished throughout</li> </ul>                             | <b>NEW</b> £495 pcm<br><br><b>Abbey Square, Bloxwich</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A 3 bed mid terrace property</li> <li>● 1 spacious reception room</li> <li>● Fitted family kitchen/diner</li> <li>● Upstairs bathroom with separate WC</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● DSS accepted</li> </ul>                                     | <b>NEW</b> £495 pcm<br><br><b>Selbourne Close</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A 3bed spacious mid-terrace</li> <li>● 2 Spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● A modern fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Superb upstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating and Double glazing</li> <li>● Fully enclosed rear garden</li> </ul>   | <b>NEW</b> £475 pcm<br><br><b>Scarborough Road, Pleck</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A traditional 3 bed mid terrace</li> <li>● 2 spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Downstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● DSS accepted</li> </ul>                                       |
| <b>NEW</b> £475 pcm<br><br><b>Scarborough Road</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A recently re-furnished 2 bed mid terrace</li> <li>● 2 spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Upstairs bathroom with separate shower</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● DSS accepted</li> </ul>                   | <b>NEW</b> £460 pcm<br><br><b>Brace Street</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A fully re-furnished 2 bed terrace</li> <li>● 2 spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● New upstairs bathroom with shower</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● DSS accepted</li> </ul>   | <b>NEW</b> £450 pcm<br><br><b>Kingsley Street</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A traditional 2 bed mid terrace property</li> <li>● 2 spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Upstairs bathroom with separate shower</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● DSS accepted</li> </ul>  | <b>NEW</b> £450 pcm<br><br><b>Highgate Road</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Superb ground floor apartment</li> <li>● Large modern kitchen/Diner</li> <li>● Good sized living room</li> <li>● 2 Double bedrooms</li> <li>● Stylish contemporary bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating throughout</li> </ul>   | <b>NEW</b> £450 pcm<br><br><b>Dora Street</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A 3 bed mid terrace property</li> <li>● Spacious through lounge</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Downstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● DSS accepted</li> </ul>  | <b>NEW</b> £430 pcm<br><br><b>Walstead Road</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A 1st floor 2 bed apartment</li> <li>● 1 spacious reception room</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Good size family bathroom with shower</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● Parking space DSS accepted</li> </ul>                             |
| <b>NEW</b> £395 pcm<br><br><b>Darlaston Road</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A traditional 3 bed end terrace property</li> <li>● 2 spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Downstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● DSS accepted, rent in arrears for HB</li> </ul>          | <b>NEW</b> £395 pcm<br><br><b>Tudor House</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 Bed first floor apartment</li> <li>● Town centre location</li> <li>● Spacious lounge</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Modern bathroom</li> <li>● Dss accepted with guarantor</li> </ul>   | <b>NEW</b> £375 pcm<br><br><b>Bloxwich Road, Leamore</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Top floor studio apartment</li> <li>● Modern fitted bathroom with shower</li> <li>● Spacious living area</li> <li>● Modern Fitted kitchen units</li> <li>● Dss accepted with guarantor</li> <li>● Rent accepted in arrears for HB</li> </ul>   | <b>NEW</b> £360 pcm<br><br><b>Church Street, Darlaston</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A 1 bed 1st floor apartment</li> <li>● 1 Good size reception room</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Good sized bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating, DSS accepted</li> <li>● Choice of 2 apartments</li> </ul>                                       | <b>NEW</b> £350 pcm<br><br><b>Victor Street</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 Bed ground floor flat</li> <li>● Spacious lounge area</li> <li>● Large Fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Good sized bathroom with shower</li> <li>● Gas central heating/Double glazing</li> <li>● Dss accepted with guarantor</li> </ul>   | <b>NEW</b> £325 pcm<br><br><b>Austin House, Netherton</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 Bed 1st floor apartment</li> <li>● 1 Spacious reception room</li> <li>● A modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Gas central heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● Double glazing throughout</li> <li>● Rear garden</li> </ul>  |



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- Superb extended five bedroom modern detached property
- Two reception rooms
- Office/occasional bedroom & Energy Rating 'C'
- Conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- En-suite shower room
- Excellent fitted bathroom & Energy Rating 'C'

**WAS £289,950, NOW £279,950 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL**



**SHORT HEATH  
POOLES LANE**

- Much improved three bedroom detached bungalow
- Lounge
- Superb breakfast kitchen, Utility
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Spacious bathroom
- Garage & driveway
- Established rear gardens
- Energy Rating 'E'

**£195,000**

## WANTED

MR J WANTS 2  
BEDS+ IN  
BENTLEY UP TO  
£100,000  
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**NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL  
ESSINGTON ROAD**

- Brand new development of two detached bungalows
- Two bedrooms
- Spacious living room & dining area
- Double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Fitted kitchen with oven & dishwasher
- Detached garage in separate block
- Enclosed rear garden
- Viewing essential to appreciate

**£169,995 ONLY ONE REMAINING**



**SHORT HEATH  
HUNTS LANE**

- Superbly presented detached property
- Three good size bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Well appointed dining kitchen
- Luxury bathroom
- Superb en-suite shower room
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Driveway, rear garden
- Energy Efficiency Rating 'D'

**£169,950 MUST BE VIEWED**



**NEW INVENTION  
GLAMIS ROAD**

- Pleasantly appointed link detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- 28ft side garage
- Established garden
- Energy Rating 'C'

**OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £160,000**



**WILLENHALL  
PRINCETHORPE ROAD**

- Superbly appointed semi detached property
- Three bedrooms, two with en-suites
- Three/four bedrooms, two with en-suites
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- Living room, dining kitchen with plaster
- Kitchen
- Pleasant rear garden
- Energy Rating 'C'

**£154,995 OFFERS, VIEWING RECOMMENDED**

## WANTED

MR/S B WOULD  
LIKE A 3/4 BED  
ON COPPICE  
FARM UP TO  
£210,000  
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**WILLENHALL  
ALTON AVENUE**

- Three bedroom double fronted terrace style semi detached property
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted breakfast kitchen including oven & hob
- Utility room & downstairs w.c. fitted
- Shower room
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazed windows
- Concrete paved rear driveway
- Energy Rating 'D'

**OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £148,995 NO CHAIN**



**COPPICE FARM  
MILES MEADOW CLOSE**

- Pleasantly appointed modern style link detached
- Three bedrooms, master with fitted wardrobes
- UPVC double glazing, gas
- Fitted central heating
- Lounge and dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Refitted first floor bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Energy Efficiency Rating 'D'

**NOW OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £140,000**



**SNEYD PARK  
CEDAR PARK ROAD**

- Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Refitted bathroom with white suite
- Garage/carport
- Established garden
- Energy Rating 'D'

**£139,950**



**OFF OVERDALE DRIVE, WALSALL  
CONDONOVER CLOSE**

- Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen and utility room/study
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Enclosed rear garden
- Energy Rating 'D'

**WAS £139,950, NOW £137,500 NO CHAIN**

## WANTED

MR/S W ARE  
LOOKING FOR A  
2/3 BED ON  
FOREST GATE UP  
TO £110,000,  
CALL NIKKI



**SUMMER HAYES  
FARBROOK WAY**

- Pleasant semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Majority UPVC double glazing
- Lounge and fitted kitchen
- Bathrooms with shower
- 26ft side garage, off road parking
- Attractive rear garden
- Energy Rating 'D'

**£130,000 OFFERS**



**WILLENHALL  
PRINCETHORPE ROAD**

- Modern End Town House
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Good size rear garden
- Driveway to the fore
- Energy Rating 'C'

**£125,000**



**BENTLEY  
ATLEE ROAD**

- Extended semi detached property
- Three 1st floor bedrooms
- Ground floor extended bedroom
- 19ft through lounge
- Downstairs cloakroom with w.c.
- Fitted kitchen and adjacent lobby
- Pleasant rear garden
- Gas central heating, part UPVC four
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Energy Rating 'D'

**£125,000**



**WILLENHALL  
BARMOUTH CLOSE**

- Pleasant semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating system
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Upstairs bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Excellent potential to improve
- Enclosed rear garden
- Energy Rating 'D'

**WAS £120,000, NOW £118,500**

## WANTED

MR P WOULD LIKE  
A 4 BED ON  
COPPICE FARM  
UP TO £220,000,  
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**WILLENHALL  
SHERLOCK CLOSE**

- Pleasantly appointed modern style and two houses
- Two bedrooms, one with built in wardrobes
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Fitted kitchen in oven and hob
- New lounge
- Guest bedroom with w.c.
- Rear garden
- Energy Performance Certificate 'D'

**£113,000 OFFERS**



**WOLVERHAMPTON  
ACKLETON GARDENS**

- Much improved semi detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Spacious lounge
- Refitted bathroom
- Off road parking
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Energy Rating 'D'

**WAS £114,950, NOW £109,950 NO CHAIN**



**BENTLEY  
WREXHAM AVENUE**

- Extended traditional style semi detached property
- Two reception rooms
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Garage and driveway
- Views over Bentley Leisure Pavilion
- Energy Rating 'E'

**WAS £109,950, NOW £107,000 NO CHAIN**



**HADLEY HEATH, WILLENHALL  
FAWLEY CLOSE**

- Pleasant improved modern style semi
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- Carport with double doors to the front
- Attractive enclosed rear garden
- Energy Rating 'C'

**£103,000**

## WANTED

MRS D IS  
LOOKING FOR A  
3 BED PROPERTY  
ON SNEYD PARK  
UP TO £160,000,  
CALL RACHEL



**DARLASTON  
MEMORY LANE**

- Well presented modern style semi detached property
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Storage heating
- Double glazing
- 23ft garage, garden to the rear
- Energy Rating 'D'

**£99,950**



**WILLENHALL  
PACKWOOD CLOSE**

- Excellent modern style semi
- Planning permission granted for side extension
- Two bedrooms
- Two bedrooms
- UPVC double glazed
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- Pleasant 13ft front lounge
- Enclosed rear garden
- Energy Rating 'D'

**OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £96,000**



**NEW INVENTION  
TAVERNERS CLOSE**

- Pleasant one bedroom modern style semi
- En-suite bathroom with shower
- Lounge & separate dining/sun room
- Fitted kitchen inc oven & hob
- Pleasant enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Energy Rating 'D'

**£87,950 OFFERS**



**WILLENHALL  
CLOTHIER STREET**

- Spacious Victorian style and terraced property
- Two bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen
- Gas central heating
- Part UPVC double glazed windows
- Ideal first time purchase
- Energy Rating 'E'

**£86,000 NO CHAIN**

## WANTED

MR W WANTS A  
2/3 BED PROPERTY  
ON STROUD  
AVENUE AROUND  
£60,000-£80,000,  
CALL NIKKI



**WILLENHALL  
LISTER STREET**

- Three bedroom mid terraced property
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted bathroom
- Fitted kitchen
- Ground floor bathroom
- Double glazing
- Three good size bedrooms
- Pleasant garden to the rear
- Energy Rating 'D'

**WAS £94,950, NOW £85,000 NO CHAIN**



**WILLENHALL  
GOUGH STREET**

- Well maintained & pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Driveway with ample parking
- Large side/rear garden
- Energy Rating 'D'

**£85,000 NO CHAIN**



**WALSALL  
MOORSIDE GARDENS**

- Pleasant spacious first floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- 14ft lounge
- Well equipped fitted kitchen
- Refitted bathroom with shower & separate w.c.
- Communal gardens & outside store
- Energy Rating 'C'

**£78,950 OFFERS**



**COPPICE FARM  
COTSWOLD GROVE**

- Spacious ground floor flat
- Two double bedrooms
- Large lounge, kitchen
- Parking to the fore
- Storage heating
- THE OVER 55's COMMUNITY
- Communal gardens
- Energy Rating 'D'

**£73,000 FOR 70% SHARED OWNERSHIP, NO CHAIN**

## WANTED

TWO/THREE  
BEDROOM  
BUNGALOWS IN  
ALL AREAS



**DARLASTON  
PINFOLD STREET**

- Lovely one bedroom ground floor flat in convenient location
- Pleasantly appointed accommodation throughout
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted kitchen
- Third shower room with walk-in bath
- Communal gardens and allocated parking
- Gas central heating system
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Internal viewing recommended
- Energy Performance Rating 'D'

**£59,995 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



**DARLASTON  
WOLVERHAMPTON STREET**

- Spacious first floor flat in convenient location
- Two bedrooms
- Gas warm air central heating system
- UPVC double glazed
- Spacious 16ft lounge
- Kitchen and shower room
- Communal entrance with security intercom
- Energy Rating 'C'

**OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £53,000, NO CHAIN**



NEW



£139,000 NO CHAIN

**WILLENHALL****ALBION STREET**

- Superb end terrace property
- Convenient location
- Spacious lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage, driveway
- Viewing recommended
- Energy Rating 'B'

NEW

**WILLENHALL, COPPICE FARM  
BUTTERMERE GROVE**

- Modern End town house style property
- Through lounge/dining room
- Three good size bedrooms
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden
- Integral garage & off road parking
- Viewing recommended
- Energy Rating 'C'

£136,500

NEW

**WILLENHALL, NEW INVENTION  
MOORE ROAD**

- Traditional style semi detached property
- Popular New Invention location
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- d/glazed windows
- Two reception rooms
- First floor bathroom
- Generous garden & off road parking
- Energy Rating 'C'

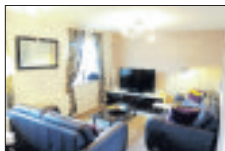
£95,000 NO CHAIN

NEW

**WILLENHALL  
SQUIRES GROVE**

- Superb Coach House apartment
- Lounge with dining area
- Impressive kitchen
- Two excellent size bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Gym/office/converted garage
- Parking
- Energy Rating 'B'

£110,500 NO CHAIN



REDUCED

**WILLENHALL  
BENTLEY LANE**

- Superb well appointed five bedroom detached family residence
- Spacious lounge, dining room
- Impressive breakfast kitchen
- Utility & guest wc
- En-suite shower room
- Refitted family shower room
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Pleasant rear garden, driveway
- Energy Rating 'C'

WAS £200,000, NOW £192,500

NEW

**SHORT HEATH  
POOLES LANE**

- Traditional two bedroom semi detached property
- Requires complete modernisation
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen area
- Ground floor bathroom, first floor wc
- Driveway to the rear garden
- Ideal investment purchase, no chain
- Energy Rating 'B'

£67,500 CASH OFFERS ONLY

REDUCED

**COPPICE FARM  
LOCHALSH GROVE**

- Modern style detached family residence
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Breakfast kitchen and downstairs wc
- Garage and off road parking
- Generous rear garden
- Gas central heating
- Internal viewing recommended
- Energy Performance Rating 'D'

WAS £193,500 NOW OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £189,995



REDUCED

**SUMMER HAYES  
FENN RISE**

- Spacious link detached bungalow
- Extended to the side elevation
- Three bedrooms & dressing room
- Majority triple glazing, gas central heating
- 32ft double length garage, rear garden
- Energy Rating 'D'

WAS £164,950, NOW £154,950



REDUCED

**COPPICE FARM  
BUTTERMERE GROVE**

- Extended end town house
- Four bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Majority double glazed windows
- Fitted dining kitchen with oven & hob
- Utility room and downstairs wc
- Garage & concrete print driveway
- Energy Rating 'D'

WAS £134,000, NOW £131,995 NO CHAIN



REDUCED

**BENTLEY, WALSALL  
BADER ROAD**

- Pleasant improved semi detached property
- Ideal first time purchase
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- 'U' shaped refitted dining kitchen
- Refitted bathroom with shower
- UPVC single glazed windows
- Energy Rating 'D'

WAS £95,000, NOW £90,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



REDUCED

**BENTLEY  
ATTLEE ROAD**

- Semi detached property requiring modernisation
- Two good size bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double glazed windows
- Garden
- Driveway to the rear
- Energy Rating 'D'

WAS £91,000 NOW £85,000

REDUCED

**COPPICE FARM  
HIGHMOOR CLOSE**

- Modern style semi detached on generous corner plot
- Potential to extend (subject to planning permission)
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Lounge & breakfast kitchen
- Sun room & conservatory
- Energy Rating 'D'

WAS £118,000, NOW £115,000 VIEWING RECOMMENDED

**WILLENHALL  
BILSTON ROAD**

- Pleasantly appointed detached property
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Four bedrooms, three with fitted wardrobes
- Potential to extend to rear (subject to planning)
- Off road parking
- Energy Rating 'C'

WAS £175,000 NOW £169,950

**WILLENHALL  
VICTORIA COURT, GRANVILLE STREET**

- Superbly appointed ground floor corner apartment
- Two bedrooms, one with fitted wardrobes
- Open plan lounge/dining kitchen
- Spacious bathroom
- Allocated parking space with security gates
- Double glazing
- Central heating
- Energy Rating 'C'

£87,500 NO CHAIN

**WILLENHALL  
REGENT STREET**

- Period and terraced property
- Two bedrooms, one with fitted wardrobes
- Kitchen and breakfast area/utility
- Two bedrooms, one with bathroom
- Bathrooms
- Rear garden
- Double glazing, gas central heating
- Energy Rating 'E'

£87,000 NO CHAIN

**WOLVERHAMPTON  
WILLENHALL ROAD**

- Mid terrace property
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Gardens to front & rear
- Energy Rating 'D'

£77,500 NO CHAIN

**WILLENHALL  
COTSWOLD GROVE**

- Ground floor flat in popular location
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- Lounge, kitchen
- One bedroom
- Bathroom
- Double glazing, storage heating
- No chain
- Energy Rating 'E'

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● Lounge●Kitchen/Diner  
● Double Glazing  
● Rear Garden●Garage  
● Conservatory●Sorry No DHSS

£575 PCM



**Walsall  
Sneyd Lane**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Lounge●Dining Room  
● Family Bathroom  
● Double Glazing●Central Heating  
● Sorry No DHSS

£525 PCM



**Walsall  
Telford Road**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Entrance Hall●Lounge●Kitchen  
● Shower Room●Front & Rear Gardens  
● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating  
● Sorry no DHSS Pets or Smokers

£525 PCM



**Rushall  
Springfields**  
● Three Bedroom Terrace  
● Lounge with laminate flooring  
● New Fitted Kitchen●Family Bathroom  
● D.Glazing/ G.C.Heating●Rear Garden  
● Sorry No DHSS or Pets or Smokers.

£525 PCM



**Walsall  
Harness Close**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Lounge●Kitchen●Family Bathroom  
● No Pets or Smokers  
● Garage & Off Road Parking  
● D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating

£525 PCM



**Walsall  
Stafford Street**  
● Three Bedroom Detached  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Kitchen & Bathroom  
● Garage  
● DHSS Accepted

£495 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Church Street**  
● Two Bedroom Terrace  
● Kitchen/Diner●Family Bathroom  
● Downstairs W.C.●Shower Room  
● Rear Garden●Shared Access Drive  
● Garage●DHSS Accepted No Pets

£495 PCM



**Walsall  
Tanners Court**  
● Two bedroom apartments  
● Lounge●Kitchen  
● Bathroom  
● Master Bedroom with Ensuite  
● Off Road Parking  
● Sorry No DHSS

From £475 PCM



**Walsall  
Melish Court**  
● Two Bedroom Top Floor Flat  
● Lounge with Laminate Flooring  
● Kitchen, Bathroom & Entrance Hallway  
● Double Glazing●Off Road Parking  
● Sorry No DHSS

£475 PCM



**Walsall  
Blackthorne Road**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Lounge●Kitchen●Family Bathroom  
● Part Central Heated  
● Double Glazing●Off Road Parking  
● Front & Rear Gardens●Sorry No DHSS

£475 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Nursery Road**  
● Three Bedrooms Semi  
● Lounge●Kitchen●Family Bathroom  
● Downstairs W.C.  
● Front and Rear Gardens  
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted

£475 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Blakenall Lane**  
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Kitchen●Two Reception Rooms  
● Ground Floor Bathroom  
● Further Room with W.C. & Wash Basin  
● Gardens●DHSS Considered

£475 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Booth Street**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Lounge●Kitchen●Cloakroom W.C.  
● Shower Room●Front & Rear Gardens  
● Off Road Parking  
● DHSS Accepted

£475 PCM



**Walsall  
Mill Street**  
● Three Bedroom Flat  
● Lounge●Fitted kitchen  
● Family Bathroom with Separate Shower  
● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating  
● No Pets or Smokers

£475 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Chepstow Way**  
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Bathroom●Double Glazing  
● Gas Central Heating  
● Front & Rear Gardens  
● DHSS Accepted

£460 PCM



**Willenhall  
Haley Street**  
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Large Lounge●Fitted Kitchen  
● Family Bathroom●Rear Garden  
● D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
● Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£450 PCM



**Walsall  
Earls Court**  
● Two Bedroom Second Floor Apartment  
● Secure Intercom Entrance  
● Bathroom with shower over bath  
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating

£450 PCM



**Walsall  
Cairns Street**  
● Two Bed Refurbished Property  
● Through Lounge  
● Fitted Kitchen  
● Bathroom  
● DHSS Accepted

£430 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Signal Grove**  
● Three Bedroom Apartment  
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom  
● Double Glazing●Electric Heating  
● Communal Grounds●Allocated Parking  
● DHSS Accepted

£430 PCM



**Walsall  
Kent Street**  
● Three Bed Terrace  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Kitchen●Bathroom  
● Rear Garden●DHSS Accepted  
● Sorry no Pets or Smokers

£425 PCM



**Walsall  
Cairns Street**  
● Two Bedroom Terrace  
● Being Refurbished throughout  
● Kitchen●Family Bathroom  
● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating  
● Rear Garden●DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM



**Walsall  
Gallery Square**  
● One Bedroom Apartment  
● Lounge●Bathroom  
● Fitted kitchen  
● Double glazing●Heating  
● Sorry no DHSS

£400 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Marton Court**  
● One & Bed Apartment  
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen  
● Bathroom  
● Courtyard parking  
● DHSS Accepted

From £400 PCM



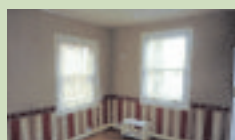
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Harrison Street**  
● Two Bedroom Flats  
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen  
● Double Glazing  
● Electric heating  
● DHSS Accepted

£400 PCM



**Bloxwich  
High Street**  
● One Bedroom Flat  
● Large Lounge●Kitchen  
● Large Bathroom  
● Double Glazing●Electric Heating  
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted

£400 PCM



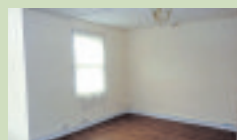
**Bloxwich  
High Street**  
● Two Bedroom Flat  
● Bloxwich High St Location  
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom  
● Stairs to Second Bedroom  
● Off Road Parking●DHSS Accepted

£400 PCM



**Walsall  
Crown Lofts**  
● Modern Studio Flat  
● Fitted Kitchen  
● Shower Room  
● Heating●Balcony  
● Sorry No DHSS

£375 PCM



**Bloxwich  
High Street**  
● One Bedroom Flat  
● Lounge●Shower Room  
● Kitchen●Electric Heating  
● Double Glazing●Parking Space To Rear  
● DHSS Accepted

£375 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Parker Street**  
● One Bedroom Flats  
● Lounge●Kitchen  
● Bathroom  
● Central Heating  
● DHSS Accepted

£370 PCM



**Walsall  
Moat Road**  
● Two Bed Flat above retail premises  
● Lounge  
● Kitchen  
● Shower Room  
● DHSS Accepted

£350 PCM



**Bloxwich  
Barracks Lane**  
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Ready for the road – Andy Albutt of Brindley Volvo with the V40, which is available to Motability drivers

A VOLVO dealership has announced a groundbreaking offer to Motability customers – a brand new V40 at nil deposit on the Motability scheme.

"This offer is limited to the Brindley Volvo Group," said Andy Albutt, sales manager at Codsall-based Brindley Volvo.

"Considering this is a brand new model, such an offer to Motability cus-

tomers is probably unprecedented," said Andy.

"For a quality Volvo five door hatchback to come on the market and be available at nil deposit for those on Motability must be an offer far too good to be missed.

"We expect this nil deposit opportunity to be widely accepted as no other Volvo dealer in the country – to our knowledge – can offer such a fantastic Motability offer.

"The new V40 is a recognised top car

in its segment of the market and this campaign is a rare opportunity to drive a V40 on Motability without putting any money down.

"The nil deposit for Motability customers will last whilst there is availability."

He said elsewhere the deposit on a new V40 would be £499.

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### Schedule

Funds raised at this event will be used to develop the service provided at the Action Heart Centre at Russells Hall Hospital.

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Celebrations all round after Jamie Paterson's second goal makes sure of three points



James Baxendale finds the net from an acute angle to put Walsall back on level terms

# Saddlers prove they are a success story

## Walsall 3 Oldham 1

### LET'S hear it for the West Midlands football success story.

The oft-forgotten Saddlers – they're the ones you can see from the M6 – find it hard to make noise surrounded by their illustrious neighbours, writes **Nick Mashiter**.

But while Albion deal, impressively, with the Peter Odemwingie fallout, Villa lurch from crisis to crisis, Wolves plummet in the Championship and Blues remain on the brink, Walsall stand firm.

Everything is relative; they are in League One and the Saddlers do not expect the same spotlight as the others. But who would have thought they would be arguably the biggest success story this season?

It is a shame they will not get the wide-ranging plaudits they deserve – the invisible well-wishers will continue to play dumb and column inches remain unused.

### Courage

But seven wins from nine games – after Saturday's 3-1 comeback over Oldham – leaves them four points from the play-offs and just six from the 50 mark. For the past two years it has taken them the entire season to reach that target.

Manager Dean Smith quipped that the biggest home attendance of the season was down to the 'Ned' factor after David Kelly returned as his assistant in midweek.

But points mean prizes and the Saddlers are rightly being rewarded for their style and unwavering courage in sticking to the plan. Fans are returning, confidence is rife – and it is all done on a pittance.

Odemwingie's fines alone would cover a decent signing for the Saddlers, which is another nod to Smith's abilities.

He never complains and never crows. But there is still a sense of satisfaction from the manager after having a winless run "rammed down his throat" as he put it a couple of weeks ago, although there will be no "I told you so". He will even spare a



New Bescot assistant boss David Kelly and senior physio Jon Whitney find plenty to smile about at the Banks's

thought for Paul Dickov, who quit as Oldham boss after the defeat.

And, with January proving troublesome for the West Midlands' 'big four', it was a very fine month for the Saddlers. Four wins from five games laid the platform for survival – but it was off the pitch where they really shone.

New deals for Andy Taylor, Mal Benning and James Baxendale and the permanent signings of Sam Mantom and Craig Westcarr stated their intent; the return of Kelly maintained the optimism and, while there was no serious interest, they kept their stars.

Because, such is Jamie Paterson's development, Smith will be pleased the window is now shut. The nine-goal winger has been pinned as a star since he and George Bowerman created havoc for the youth team.

And now, still only 21, that promise and potential are beginning to be fulfilled. A



Walsall's Adam Chambers and Jose Baxter of Oldham contest possession

match-winning performance and a sublime brace underlined his undoubted talent.

He terrorised a Latics defence who were busy dealing with Luis Suarez while knocking Liverpool out of the FA Cup in their previous game. They couldn't cope with Paterson's marauding runs and the forward could have claimed a hat-trick with more composure. That is being picky as, over the Saddlers' fine run, the winger has maintained a previously missing consistency.

Five goals in 10 games – along with the rest of the improving squad – has propelled the Saddlers up the table and on Saturday they proved last weekend's 2-0 defeat at Colchester was just a blip.

Taylor and Febian Brandy were recalled while Oldham handed debuts to Lee Barnard and ex-Wolves striker Chris Iwelumo, on loan from Watford. And the strike pair unsettled the Saddlers as the hosts failed to find their stride. Oldham had

already seen two penalty shouts ignored before Barnard's powerful header had them in front on 19 minutes. It was deserved but, slowly, the Saddlers wrestled back control.

Will Grigg headed straight at Dean Bouzanis before Baxendale broke Oldham's well-drilled resistance by sliding a shot under the keeper five minutes before the break.

It changed the game and the Saddlers probed with Grigg shooting at Bouzanis after Paterson's delicious through ball while Brandy failed to get a decent connection on his shot. Jonathan Grounds fired over for Oldham but, contained, the visitors wilted to hand Paterson centre stage.

First he buried a low 20-yard effort into the corner 16 minutes from the end before capping the comeback with second in stoppage time. He made a fool of Cliff Byrne by latching onto Adam Chambers' pass, lifting the ball over the static defender's head 25 yards out and running clear to seal the win.

## Victory is a first as back row stand out

**Old Halesonians 12 Walsall 13**  
 WALSALL produced some of their best rugby for a first league win at Old Halesonians.

It was also a first home defeat of the season for the Midlands One West leaders. Walsall controlled and created good positions, only for Old Hales to drive and No.8 Dan Young got the touchdown. Full-back Steve Powell converted.

Walsall No.8 Daniel Simpson, flanker Steve Halbert and winger Paul Naylor made strong runs and Matt Wood landed a 30-metre penalty.

They looked to run the ball into the strong breeze and nearly scored as Wood ran from his own line.

Hales scrum-half Dave Hadkiss beat tacklers and found Luke Smith in support to outpace the cover to put his team 12-3 up.

Walsall's outstanding back row were well supported by Russ Gauden and Jimmy Scott and they scored inside five minutes of the second half as replacement Dave Merlin gave the final pass to flanker Max Hughes to break through.

The Walsall lineup set up the winning try as the lineout catch was driven, and then a fine passing movement released Naylor on the wing. He found Mould who passed for Merlin to crash over near the corner.

It was a last score despite being 25 minutes from time. Walsall might have scored another, but the ball was dropped over the tryline.

Hales broke out of defence only for burly prop forward Tom Dempsey to be stopped short.

## Rushall provide a better display

**Rushall Olympic U10 0  
 Pelsall Villa Colts U11 1**

RUSHALL put in a much-improved display after suffering a heavy defeat in their last meeting with Pelsall.

Colts sent in waves of attacks in this Walsall League Division One derby, but gallant defending kept them at bay in the first half.

Title-chasing Pelsall finally broke their resistance in the second period with the game's only goal.

Rushall players Jack Hunt, Joel Chapman, Ben Lillie, Lucas Fallon and Reece Nunne all showed a huge workrate with goalkeeper Harvey Paget also impressing.

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## Ten point gap at top created by Steelmen

**Stone OA 1 Bilston Town 2**  
BILSTON extended their lead at the top of the West Midlands League Division One table to 10 points with a hard-fought win over Stone Old Alleynians.

Good play between Dan Westwood and Nick Turton saw Turton shoot just wide and minutes later Westwood just failed to meet a cross from Leon Pugh.

Home keeper Adam Heath had to concede a corner from a Turton effort and at the other end Ben Astley saved Stone's first real attempt on 25 minutes. Neil Ecclestone and Chad McCormack were outstanding at the heart of the Bilston defence and, at the end of the half, Stuart Skitt played ball to Westwood who ran through the defence to give the Steelmen the lead.

Bilston were on the attack from the start of the second half, with an effort from Westwood well saved by Heath and Ryan Trumpeter shooting just over the bar.

McCormack played the ball to Turton, who shook off two defenders to slot home and double Bilston's lead.

A scramble in the Bilston area saw the ball side-footed home and Stone kept up the pressure, but Bilston held firm and the Stone attacks rarely posed a threat until two good saves from Astley sealed the three points.

## Youngsters attracted by synchro club

WALSALL Synchroised Swimming Club is getting it figured out for adults.

The sport has proved attractive to youngsters, with the club's membership doubling since the start of last year.

Now the club are launching an eight-week beginner course for adults.

It was due to get under way last night at Walsall Gala Baths.

The club are enjoying success on different fronts with member Zoe Cooper, a member of Aquabatic, featuring on Tom Daley's television diving show Splash!

She was part of the four-girl Aquabatic team which competed on Britain's Got Talent last year. For details of the adult beginner course, call Amy Baker on 07545 787150 or email amyloisebaker@hotmail.co.uk

## Rushall's revenge peters out to taking point

RUSHALL OLYMPIC failed to get revenge for an Evo-Stik Northern Premier defeat suffered at Stocksbridge Park Steels.

They took a useful point, levelling from the penalty spot after falling behind in the fifth minute.

The visitors could hardly have wished for a better start as they surged into the lead from a free-kick after Gavin Caines fouled Steels powerhouse Nathan Joyne.

Matt Hamshaw guided the kick beyond home keeper Scott Gemmell from 20 yards.

Fortunately for the home side, Stocksbridge never quite managed to build upon their promising opening.

### Rushall Olympic 1 Stocksbridge PS 1

As the first period progressed, the hosts looked more likely to restore parity rather than fall further behind.

Dave Walker and Sam Smith both had chances cleared off the line.

Stocksbridge briefly threatened through Brett Bowden-Lovell, who saw his close-range header end up in the stand after more good work from Joyne.

But at the other end, Rushall equalised after 32 minutes when Bowden-Lovell went from near-hero to villain, fouling Smith in

the area. Pics' prolific frontman Walker stepped up and calmly sent Ben Scott the wrong way from the spot.

In the second half, it was a different story with Rushall looking the more fluid and impressive once Ahmed Obeng was flung on from the bench.

His impact might have been immediate; following a cushioned collection of Walker's pass he produced a clever shuffle away from his marker to eke out space but a frenetic finish, blazing his shot over the bar.

As time went on, the action petered out as both sides struggled to hit the target. Obeng, for the hosts, and Steels' substitutes Jordan Thewlis and Will Senior all fired too high to force the keepers into action.

But full credit had to go to both defences for keeping the scoring opportunities few and far between.

**Rushall Olympic:** Gemmell, K Haynes, J Haynes, Smith, Tolley, Caines, Palmer, Craddock (Bragoli 70), Clarke, Walker, Landell (Obeng 59). **Subs not used:** Bottomor, Daniel, Beckett.

**Stocksbridge PS:** Scott, Darker, Agus, Haigh, Bowden-Lovell, Gallery, Bettney (Knowles 90+2), Henshaw, South, Joyne (Thewlis 70), Turner (Senior 27). **Subs not used:** Swirad, Ring. **Attendance:** 150.

## Mandy's goal grab is decider

**West Bromwich 1 Bloxwich 2**  
MANDY JEFFREY'S second-half goal gave Bloxwich ladies hockey seconds victory at local rivals West Bromwich.

The visitors created a series of first-half chances, but hit bar and post and also found the home goalkeeper in excellent form.

Steph Shaw broke the deadlock with a fine reverse stick shot following a long pass by Leah Ward.

The home side levelled just before half-time, but Bloxwich maintained their pressure in the second half and Jeffrey slotted home the winner.

**Bloxwich 3 Solihull Blossomfield 0**  
Bloxwich men's seconds made a good start to the weekend.

They brushed aside Solihull Blossomfield 3-0 with goals from Nathan Booker (2) and Kelton Scott.

**Bloxwich 1 Streety 3**  
The Sunday fixture against a much-changed Streety side proved to be a step too far for Bloxwich men's seconds.

They produced enough chances to win the game, but Dan Steatham was their only scorer as Streety took the spoils.

## Date change for cricket club AGM

RUSHALL Cricket Club's annual general meeting has had a change of date.

It will now take place tomorrow (Friday) at the clubhouse on Carter Park, Pelsall Lane, Rushall, starting at 7.30pm.

All members are asked to attend, and any new players are also invited. More information from Paul Hopkinson on 07976 621825.

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# DEAN PRAISES FAN TRUST FOR BACKING

DEAN HOLDEN has hailed Walsall's fans and thanked the footballing community for their support as they raise money in memory of his daughter.

The defender will auction a signed England under-21 shirt from Tuesday's game with Sweden at the Banks's Stadium to help the Meningitis Trust. Holden and wife Danielle lost 17-month-old daughter Cici to the illness last year. Walsall Supporters' Trust are organising events.

Holden said: "It's been a lovely gesture from the Trust. It's difficult and it brings things back to the surface, but we're trying to get on with it as best we can."

"We don't want to ask for money but when people volunteer and say 'we want to get involved' we're happy to do that. The shirt is a brilliant gesture from the FA."

Will Grigg has donated a signed Northern Ireland programme from his debut against Holland last year while Holden's yellow third kit will also be auctioned.

**Collection**  
There will be a bucket collection at Saddlers' home game with Notts County on Saturday, February 16, after similar events at Holden's former clubs Shrewsbury and Chesterfield.

He said: "My wife Danielle and the kids are going to come to the Notts County game and shake some buckets."

"I think clubs want to do each other with Shrewsbury and Chesterfield having done things."

"There's a friendly rivalry

by Nick Mashiter

but in a fun way. Whatever they can raise for the Meningitis Trust will go towards research."

Meanwhile, Jamie Paterson vowed to ignore rumours and says he wants to fire Walsall's "special" season after his brace sealed a 3-1 win over Oldham on Saturday to move Saddlers to within four points of the League One play-offs.

He has been linked to Sheffield United but the 21-year-old, with 8 months on his contract, insisted speculation does not bother him.

He said: "Every forward who is scoring goals is going to attract attention."

"I don't know anything about it and the gaffer said nothing came of it. I'm happy to be here at the minute and scoring goals."

"This season has been something special so far, it's the highest I've been in the league. There are no big-time Charlies here, we're all young players, we're on all the same path and hopefully we'll push up the table."

## Merlin's wizard try produces a first for Walsall



Walsall's Dave Merlin goes over for the crucial try as his team beat Old Halesonians. It was the first time that Walsall have won a league match at the home of their local rivals – and it was a predictably tight affair, the visitors battling back from 12-3 down to squeak home 13-12. The United team also had a narrow win, Jamie Hickman bagging two tries in a 29-27 success against Aston Old Edwardians. An under-strength Colts team lost 14-11 at Shrewsbury as they prepared for Sunday's National Cup match at home to Melbourne (1pm). Report – Page 47.

## Wood hope for Vase clash joy

WALSALL WOOD make yet another attempt to stage their repeatedly-postponed FA Vase fourth-round clash at home to London side Hanworth Villa on Saturday. Kick-off is 3pm and a last-16 trip to Runcorn awaits the winners.

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